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CITY OF LACONIA
1950



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Fifty-Seventh Annual Report
of
Receipts and Expenditures

of the

CITY OF LACONIA

NEW HAMPSHIRE

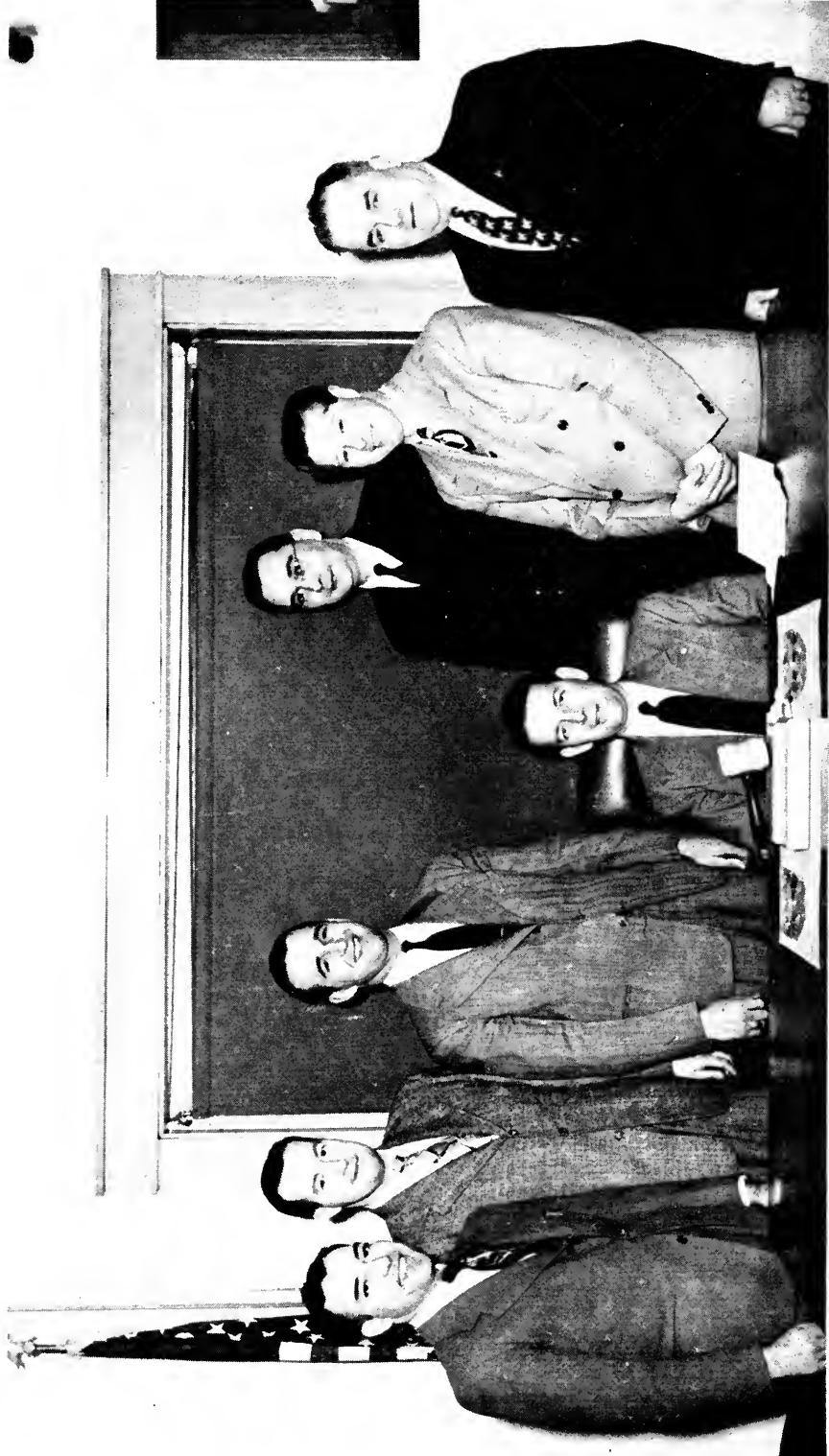
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Year Ending February 15, 1950

TOGETHER WITH OTHER ANNUAL REPORTS
AND PAPERS RELATING TO THE
AFFAIRS OF THE CITY



MAJOR AND COUNCIL
Seated: Mayor Thomas J. McIntyre. Standing left to right: Councilmen Armand O. Roux, Ward 1; James M. Carroll, Ward 3; Gerard L. Morin, Ward 2; George G. Wells, Ward 4; Robert A. Hough, Ward 6; and Peter J. Landry, Ward 5.



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Inaugural Address

of the

HON. THOMAS J. MCINTYRE

Gentlemen of the Council:

It is with a great deal of feeling that I today pick up the reins of the Government of the City of Laconia. It is with a conscious feeling of humble pride, an appreciation of my many shortcomings and with full knowledge of the challenge that it means to me and the newly elected members of the council.

The people of Laconia have given us an opportunity to serve them. I say here and now, and I will not forget during the next two years, that my first and foremost allegiance is to the people of our city and *not* to any chosen few, any party, or any group of people. I do not mean that I am not a Democrat now,—after the contest is over—*for that would be untrue.* I am a Democrat because I have always believed that this party more nearly than any other, tries to represent all the people whether they be laborer or rich man, veteran or farmer, housewife or merchant.

I am placed in the unenviable position today, my first day in office, of recommending a course of action for the next two years. So let me admit now that I have no great knowledge of the inner operations of any of our city departments, and I have no elaborate promises of what I and the council will accomplish over the next two years. I still refuse to make any promises ~~except~~ to say that I intend to do my level best to do a good job as your Mayor.

Now during the recent campaign I talked about economy in government, and I talked about your tax dollar, and now I intend to give my attention to these important subjects. We all have a feeling that the lush years are over, and that we must begin to tighten our belts. I propose to recommend to the council that each department of our municipal government be surveyed, to determine whether or not any savings can be effected in departmental expenditures, without affecting materially the services to be performed by each department. I am interested in discovering unnecessary jobs if any exist, that may have been created in the past for purely political reasons. In other words,

if there are any abnormal expenses in these departments. *I propose to cut them out.*

Another matter which has been mentioned before, and which I confess, needs more study on my part, but which is attractive to any sensible businesslike person, is that of a central purchasing agency or agent for our city. Some effort has already been made along these lines; but it may well be that a purchaser, appointed by the council and given proper support and the necessary authority by the council, to accomplish all of the city's purchases, may affect a very substantial saving to our city. If such a person were appointed, his position should carry with it the right to award all contracts for the repair and maintenance of all of our public buildings, of such work that cannot be properly performed by the regular employees of the city. Such contracts should only be made after a proper submission of bids. Insofar as departmental purchases are concerned, any purchase exceeding \$100, for instance, could be made only on a bid basis. I intend to propose to the council that a study and survey be made to ascertain the advisability of appointment of a central purchasing agent, and if that study and report are favorable, I will recommend that such be done. If such a report is favorably disposed, I would also recommend that the necessary changes in our laws be made to bring all city departments under the central purchasing plan.

An examination of our fire department reveals that the department has good equipment and good personnel. The fire department certainly should not be in need of any new equipment, since a considerable sum was expended for such during the last two years. One more piece of equipment, ordered last year, is to be delivered this year at a cost of about \$25,000. We will have to pay for it. There is one matter connected with the fire department which I cannot justify under any circumstances, and particularly on the basis of economy. At the present time we have a situation which amounts to two chiefs of the department. Their combined salaries cost the taxpayers of Laconia \$6,100 per year. This situation must be remedied, and I hope to be able to suggest a solution within the very near future.

Hospitals in general throughout the country are undergoing difficult times. Our own Laconia Hospital has experienced, and is still experiencing, problems that are, I am told, perplexing and seemingly incapable of solution. We all know that the city is vitally concerned with the Laconia Hospital's welfare. I feel too, that we are all deeply aware that many public spirited citizens have given long hours of worry, work, and intelligent effort to keep the Laconia Hospital the fine institution that it is, and a credit to our community. But if the taxpayers and people of Laconia are to be asked to add to their already heavy burden, then I and the council, as your representatives, want to

know *why*, and what is more, we want to be shown *why*—as, for instance, a complete statement of its operating income and expenses,—and if we have any constructive suggestions we hope they will be given consideration.

We may well be confronted during the next two years with problems concerning our school system, *increased* welfare work, development of recreational facilities for our own citizens, new municipal buildings, and financing in general. We will face these problems squarely and as they arise. I plan to propose to the council that some of the more difficult of these problems be handled in the good old-fashioned manner of town or public meetings called throughout the wards of this city; to obtain and listen to the views of the taxpayer and the people themselves in open meetings and discussions; to be able to let those same taxpayers know what their suggestions, if followed, will mean in terms of tax bills and bonded indebtedness. Such a democratic procedure may seem slow and ponderous to some, but I am already convinced that community problems are not simple except to some casual or superficial observer. Community problems are complex and often difficult to answer. They are very often part of larger problems confronting the state and the nation. Again they are frequently rooted deep into the past history of a community such as ours. To win out over these problems we must and will give you initiative, and you, the people, should give us your wise support.

I know there are situations existing today with respect to sewage disposal and tax assessment inequities. I am naming these two specifically because both are complex and in need of thorough study. The first, or sewage disposal, as it gains momentum, takes on the aspects of a financial expense that might easily mortgage Laconia's future for decades to come: the second, or revaluation, while easily dealt with on paper or objectively, is just as apt to create more inequities when accomplished as to lessen them,—unless handled skillfully and carefully. I intend to propose that on both of these questions well rounded but compact citizen committees be appointed to survey the amount of progress made to date, the need for further study, if any, recommendations as to how our objective may be attained, and lastly, a recommendation to the council for immediate or future action. We have in Laconia many public spirited men of keen mind, sound judgment, and excellent capabilities. Such men will be called upon to assist your Mayor and Council with these problems.

I desire to make just a few observations concerning the city's present financial standing. This past year, due primarily to the lack of heavy snow falls, the city has ended its fiscal year with a surplus of \$48,000. On the whole, the city's financial standing is good. There are, however, certain trends in uncollected taxes, bonded debt, tax rates,

and assessed valuations, which are worthy of observation, and which clearly indicate the necessity for careful planning in view of the possibilities of trouble ahead. Since 1946 our *uncollected* regular taxes have risen steadily, until in the year 1949 we have almost \$91,000 uncollected, and at the same time, our tax rate and total assessed valuation have increased steadily. Our assessed valuations from 1945 to 1948 jumped from \$12,500,000 to \$15,500,000, an increase of 22 percent, and the highest of all 12 cities in the state of New Hampshire. Today our assessed valuation on real estate has moved upward until it is nearing the \$16,000,000 mark. The rise in tax rates and assessed valuations indicates *increased expenditures*. It appears that up until the year 1946, or during the war years, the people of Laconia had no difficulty in keeping up with their tax payments, but since that time more and more difficulty has been experienced, so that today we have approximately \$91,000 in uncollected taxes. The figures will show that almost from the time that the tax payments started to fall off, that assessed valuations and tax rates started to leap forward. Interpreting this in the light of private business, it would simply mean that we are now experiencing a decrease or a loss in our sales department, and at the same time undergoing increased costs. This trend is definite, and the figures from the city auditor's office support it. *This trend that I am pointing out, of rising costs and decreasing income, is one which your new council should and must concern itself and must think about when it considers the expenditures of money.*

Turning our attention for a moment to the city of Laconia's serial debt, which is simply money that the city has borrowed and upon which it is paying interest and principal, we find that it is now approximately \$400,000, a sizable increase since the low year of 1946. An explanation of this increase is found in the purchase by the past council of additional equipment and improvements about the city which could not readily be made during the war years for lack of materials and labor, and which, I surmise, from what I have heard, were in many instances needed. During the coming year interest payable on this bonded indebtedness will amount to approximately \$8,000 and the payments on the principal will amount to \$38,000, or a total of \$46,000. Roughly, this means about \$3 of your tax rate for the coming year. The gist of it all is simple. City indebtedness is on the way up. Tax collections are falling off. Tax rates and assessments continually increasing. Here is a definite warning to those in charge of your city's finances, and we must try to heed this warning.

I have told the people of Laconia that I intended to proceed cautiously without hasty decisions or snap judgments, and I still intend to pursue that course of action. In the recent election for Mayor the plurality of vote cast for me was greater than 2,000 votes, and for the first time in Laconia's history a candidate for Mayor carried every

ward in the city. It is perhaps true that this strong endorsement might well be relied upon by me as a "green light" to move ahead under full speed. Yet, I still wish to temper my judgment and to assist my relative inexperience with a careful and deliberate approach to the city's problems existing now, *or that may occur*. The new council and myself are probably the youngest group of men to have ever convened as a council for the city of Laconia in its history. We are, in the main, young men, particularly in political experience; *but to my way of thinking it is a proper time* for the city's government to be in our charge. We will not abuse your trust. We should be able to furnish new and healthy ideas; Laconia needs this new life and new blood if it is to progress.

As we of the newly elected council take hold of the reins of the city today, I say to you,—*we accept the challenge!* With Almighty God's assistance and guidance we will, I feel certain, give to all our people—good, sane, sensible government.

GOVERNMENT

Mayor

HON. THOMAS J. MCINTYRE

WARD COUNCILMEN

ARMAND O. ROUX	Ward 1
GERARD L. MORIN	Ward 2
JAMES M. CARROLL	Ward 3
GEORGE G. WELLS	Ward 4
PETER J. LANDRY	Ward 5
ROBERT A. HOUGH	Ward 6

(The City Council was elected
March 8 1949)

Standing Committees of City Council

FINANCE:

Mayor McIntyre, Councilmen Carroll, Wells.

ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS:

Councilmen Wells, Hough, Morin.

FIRE:

Councilmen Morin, Hough, Roux.

SEWERS:

Councilmen Hough, Carroll, Wells

LANDS AND BUILDINGS:

Councilmen Hough, Roux, Carroll.

PARKS AND COMMONS:

Councilmen Landry, Roux, Morin.

ORDINANCES:

Councilmen Carroll, Landry, Wells.

ELECTIONS:

Councilmen Landry, Roux, Morin.

STREET LIGHTING:

Councilmen Carroll, Morin, Wells.

ROADS AND BRIDGES:

Councilmen Landry, Hough, Roux.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:

Councilmen Carroll, Morin, Wells.

CITY OFFICIALS

City Auditor	DANA S. BEANE, JR.
City Clerk	CHARLES E. LORD
City Engineer	ARNOLD J. O'MARA

<i>City Physician</i>	EDWARD S. MORRIS, M.D.
<i>City Solicitor</i>	FORTUNAT A. NORMANDIN
<i>City Treasurer</i>	CLARENCE S. NEWELL
<i>Custodian of City Hall</i>	ROBERT A. HOUGH
<i>Dog Officer</i>	JAMES E. EVANS
<i>Fire Chief</i>	MERLE B. SARGENT
<i>Senior Captain</i>	CLINTON H. ELKINS
<i>Fiscal Officer</i>	THEODORE C. GREENE
<i>Judge-Municipal Court</i>	HARRY E. TRAPP
<i>Judge, Special Municipal Court</i>	THEO S. JEWETT
<i>Moth and Tree Warden</i>	ARTHUR E. LAVALLEE
<i>Overseer of Poor</i>	JOHN E. HOEY
<i>Planning Director</i>	WILLIAM BLAKELY
<i>Police Chief</i>	CHAS. E. DUNLEAVY
<i>Deputy Chief</i>	NORMAN DROUIN
<i>Captain</i>	WALTER E. MONT
<i>Probation Officer</i>	ROBERT P. TILTON
<i>Scaler of Weights and Measures</i>	RAYMOND L. CRONIN
<i>Tax Collector</i>	RUSSELL J. FLACK
<i>Building Inspector</i>	ARNOLD J. O'MARA
<i>Inspector of Electrical Wiring</i>	MERLE B. SARGENT
<i>Health Officer</i>	C. F. MOWERS
<i>Assessor</i>	GEORGE F. DAME

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND TRUSTEES

BOARD OF ASSESSORS:

3 year term	Appointed
Harrison E. Morin, Chm.	Mar. '48
George F. Dame	Mar. '49
George A. Milette	Mar. '47

BOARD OF EXAMINATION OF PLUMBERS:

1 year term	Appointed
Arnold J. O'Mara	Mar. '49
Leon Labranche	Mar. '49
Bertram G. Walker	Mar. '49

BOARD OF HEALTH:

3 year term	Appointed
Chas. D. Dockham, Pres.	Mar. '47
Earl J. Gage, M.D.	Mar. '48
James A. Simpson	Mar. '49

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:		Rose Mary Emery	Apr. '49
6 year term	Appointed	Alice S. Harriman	Mar. '49
Harry L. Smith, <i>Pres.</i>	Mar. '47	Marion Lawson	Mar. '48
Willis G. Watson	Mar. '45	Edward J. Gallagher	Mar. '48
Alfred W. Simoneau	Mar. '49	Max Chertok	Mar. '47
FENCE VIEWERS:		TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS:	
1 year term	Appointed	3 year term	Appointed
Arnold J. O'Mara	Mar. '49	Kenneth D. Hopkins, <i>Chm.</i>	Mar. '48
Albert W. Head	Mar. '49	Laurette B. Johnson	Mar. '49
Archie Tardif	Mar. '49	Frank D. Brisse	Mar. '47
LICENSING BOARD:		ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:	
1 year term	Appointed	Term	Expires
F. E. Normandin, <i>Chm.</i>	Mar. '49	John O'Shea, <i>Chm.</i>	Aug. '50
Mayor Thos. J. McIntyre	Mar. '49	L. K. Perley	Aug. '51
Chief Chas. E. Dunleavy	Mar. '49	Allan S. Veazey	Aug. '52
PARK COMMISSION:		Archie L. Tardif	Aug. '53
5 year term	Appointed	Jason C. Sloan	Aug. '54
Robinson W. Smith, <i>Chm.</i>	Mar. '47		
Arthur J. Clairmont Jr.	Mar. '49		
Frank T. Monahan	Mar. '48		
Edward J. Dupont	Mar. '45		
Harold C. Ronn	Mar. '46		
PLANNING BOARD:	Term Expires		
Haven E. Flanders, <i>Chm.</i>	June '54		
Norman P. Randlett	June '55		
Albert J. Boudreau	June '52		
Howard O. DeCoster	June '53		
William W. Keller	June '50		
Willard G. Martin	June '51		
	<i>Ex-Officio</i>		
Thomas J. McIntyre, <i>Mayor</i>			
Armand O. Roux, <i>Councilman</i>			
Arnold J. O'Mara, <i>City Engineer</i>			
POLICE COMMISSION:			
3 year term	Appointed		
F. E. Normandin, <i>Chm.</i>	Sept. '47		
Kenneth D. Hopkins	Sept. '48		
Guy C. Richards	Sept. '49		
SCHOOL BOARD:			
6 Year term	Elected		
Theo S. Jewett	Mar. '49		
Mrs. Etta Gallagher	Mar. '49		
Philip J. Blanchette	Mar. '45		
Dr. A. Philip LaFrance	Mar. '45		
Mrs. Ruth A. Smith, <i>Secy.</i>	Mar. '47		
Kenneth D. Hopkins	Mar. '47		
TRUSTEES OF THE LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY:			
3 year term	Appointed		
Henry T. Turner, <i>Chm.</i>	Mar. '47		

<i>Inspectors:</i>	<i>Clerk:</i>	
LeRoy Sanborn		Oscar L. Hoyt
Carl F. Blaisdell	<i>Supervisor:</i>	
John E. Hoey		Frances D. Follett
Elva M. Woodward		
Ward 2	<i>Inspectors:</i>	
	Elected	Fred Brown
<i>Selectmen:</i>	Mar. '45	Robert P. Tilton
Leo Langlois	Mar. '47	Bernard Dalton
Henry Ladieu	Mar. '49	Norman Brough
Harold Romm		
<i>Moderator:</i>	Ward 5	
Fortunat E. Normandin	<i>Selectmen:</i>	
<i>Clerk:</i>	Elected	Edward L. Atkinson
James H. Watson, Jr.	Mar. '45	Randolph Pike
	Mar. '47	Clifford White
	Mar. '49	
<i>Supervisor:</i>	<i>Moderator:</i>	
Bernard L. Boutin	Raymond B. Lakeman	
<i>Inspectors:</i>	<i>Clerk:</i>	
Gerard L. Morin	William I. Stafford	
Raymond Ledoux		
Arthur J. Dutile	<i>Supervisor:</i>	
Ernest A. Hudson	Wilfred A. Vandel	
Ward 3	<i>Inspectors:</i>	
<i>Selectmen:</i>	Elected	Juliette Lakeman
Leslie M. Emerson	Mar. '45	Samuel Harriman
Theo B. Stafford	Mar. '47	Albert Fecteau, Sr.
Dr. Roland Leahy	Mar. '49	Rolland Lemire
<i>Moderator:</i>	Ward 6	
Archie MacKay	<i>Selectmen:</i>	
<i>Clerk:</i>	Elected	George W. Varrell
Amelia G. Hescock	Mar. '45	Harold Tefft
	Mar. '47	Haven E. Corliss
	Mar. '49	
<i>Supervisor:</i>	<i>Moderator:</i>	
Chas. S. Morrison	Frank D. Sleeper	
<i>Inspectors:</i>	<i>Clerk:</i>	
Thomas P. Cheney	Kenneth D. Hopkins	
Albert R. Collins		
Elmer S. Tilton	<i>Supervisors:</i>	
James Carroll	Kenneth E. Gould	
Ward 4	Maurice L. Flanders	
<i>Selectmen:</i>	<i>Inspectors:</i>	
Robert V. Johnson	Elected	Eva Trumbull
Harold Aiken	Mar. '45	George F. Dame
Charles Sattan	Mar. '47	John M. Ewing
	Mar. '49	Harry L. Smith
<i>Moderator:</i>		
Frank R. Ricker		

PUBLIC LIBRARY

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

HENRY T. TURNER, *Chairman*
MRS. A. H. HARRIMAN
MRS. ROBERT H. LAWSON
MRS. BERNARD P. EMERY
EDWARD J. GALLAGHER
RHODEN B. EDDY
MAX CHERTOK

STAFF

BARBARA B. COTTON, *Librarian*
BERTHA L. FOWLER, *Assistant Librarian*
MARGARET K. WHITE
MARIE C. PRAY
ELIZABETH CROWTHER
MARJORIE CENTER
DOROTHY S. GOSS (Resigned Sept. '49)

JANITORS

SAMUEL R. HARRIMAN
ALBERT W. HEAD

At their regular meeting on April 25, 1949, the City Council elected Mrs. Rose Mary Emery and Mr. Max Chertok trustees of the Laconia Public Library. Mr. Chertok completes the unexpired term of Mr. Charles Ayers, who resigned in February after serving for the past six years. Mrs. Emery, a former teacher in the Laconia schools, was elected treasurer, and gives the work her close attention. As treasurer she succeeded Mrs. Ruth H. Smith, who went out of office after twelve years as a very interested, helpful and faithful member of the Board.

Circulation

A library contributes in no small degree to the education, recreation and general information of its community. This contribution increases substantially at a time of economic insecurity. During the past year 58,491 books and magazines were borrowed from the main library. This represents an increase of 10,361 over the number circulated in 1948. At the Goss Reading Room the total circulation numbered 13,752, which represents an increase of 3,236 over last year. The 1949 circulation has been the largest since 1940. Circulation statistics are not the only means of recording the increase in library use. In their leisure time both men and women enjoy the facilities of the library. The reading rooms are often crowded with adults and students. The popularity of current contests has more than doubled the usual reference work. It is the policy of the staff to assist patrons by placing books at their disposal rather than giving a definite answer to a particular query. For many reasons it has been decided that answers to contest questions will not be given over the telephone.

Books

The book collection is constantly changing by adding new volumes and discarding old ones. Many of the 2,002 new books added this year were purchased locally. Eight hundred and thirteen new juvenile books are in circulation. Several reprints of

modern fiction in French were obtained for the reading public.

Periodicals

Ninety-five periodicals are purchased for the main library and 33 are received as gifts from library friends and organizations. Seven newspapers are available in the reading room. Many state and government publications are checked and filed for reference. Twenty-four magazines and three newspapers are received at the Goss Reading Room.

Improvements

The walls and ceilings of the Laconia Public library were repainted during the month of December. The building now presents an unusually bright atmosphere to everyone who enters. This extensive undertaking was made possible by a special appropriation from the City Council for Capital Improvements. The exterior woodwork of the library building was repainted last August.

Exhibits

Among the many exhibits of the year, two deserve special mention. At the Authors' Tea, sponsored by THE LACONIA EVENING CITIZEN on October 18, (Mrs. Stella Hay Rex, author of "Practical Hooked Rugs", was a special guest. On that day about thirty beautiful hooked rugs, wall-hangings and chair mats were exhibited at the library. A pictorial stair runner was an added attraction. Mrs. Rex visited the library and paid special tribute to the fine craftsmanship. For

the past two months several pieces of sculpture have been on display throughout the library. These are the work of Miss Esther Jackson, a recognized New England sculptor from Peterborough and Boston.

Children's Work

The Children's Film Hour has become a definite part of the library schedule. During the past year 1,817 youngsters attended the twenty-two programs which were given. Forty-nine carefully selected films were obtained at a cost of \$94.88. The total expense to the library for these programs averaged less than ten cents a child. A 16 mm Victor projector has recently been purchased with special funds. Now that the library owns the necessary equipment, it is planned to offer these programs on alternate Saturday mornings rather than every third week.

Gale Park

Gale Park was maintained in the customary attractive manner for the enjoyment of Laconia citizens and visitors. A memorial to the veterans of the Spanish-American War was erected by the City at the northwest corner of the lawn.

Patrons

Every citizen of Laconia is entitled to use the library. Registered borrowers total 4,537 children and adults. The library extends its facilities and privileges to out-of-town tax-payers at the nominal rate of one dollar per

year. One hundred and thirty-five such cards were issued last year.

It would be impossible to estimate the valuable service rendered not only to individuals, but to entire families, schools and organiza-

tions. Day after day, year after year, the library continues to function as an important community agency. Only recently a very young patron, who was making his third library visit that day, questioned, "Hey, don't you ever go home?"

Library Statistics for the Year 1949

Circulation	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Laconia Public Library	40,949	17,542	58,491
Goss Reading Room	8,596	5,156	13,752
 Total circulation	 49,545	 22,698	 72,243
Number of books added	1,189	813	2,002
Number of books withdrawn	1,805	258	2,064
Number of books borrowed on inter-library loan			66
Periodicals received (excluding duplicates)			128
Newspaper received (excluding duplicates)			7

TREASURER'S REPORT LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Receipts

Cash on hand, Feb. 16, 1949	\$ 37.95
Deferred Invoices	252.50
City of Laconia	19,892.05
Gale Estate	2,049.39
Interest	856.77
Fines, Rentals, etc.	1,390.14
 Total Receipts	 \$24,478.80

Payments

Staff salaries	9,566.47
Janitors' Salaries	3,256.00
Collector of Internal Revenue	130.85
Extra Help	200.00
Books—minus reimbursements	2,999.42
Periodicals	493.70
Binding	148.84
Library Supplies	234.75
Postage	74.81
Printing	29.14
Furniture	247.36
Building Supplies	124.73
Building Repairs	746.73

Water & Light	626.99
Fuel	926.63
Travel & Training	37.77
Telephone	234.76
Insurance	252.92
Children's Work	250.00
Typewriter	140.69
Projector	445.82
Capital Investments	1,904.20
Disbursements for Deferred Invoices for previous year	252.50
	23,325.08
Deposits Returned	173.00
Returned to City of Laconia	980.72
Total Payments	\$24,478.80

TREASURER'S REPORT GALE PARK

Receipts

Cash on hand February 16, 1949	\$ 200.00
City of Laconia	1,705.00
Gale Estate	683.13
Total Receipts	\$2,588 13

Payments

Fertilizer	110.50
Flowers	247.50
Gas & Oil	16.68
Lawn Maintenance	96.76
Miscellaneous	96.95
Seed	12.24
Spraying trees	35.00
Trucking	43.25
Salaries	1,356.05
Water	78.48
Total	2,093.41
Returned to City of Laconia	494.72
Total Payments	\$2 588 13

RECREATION

Park Commission

DR. ROBINSON W. SMITH, *Chairman*
FRANK T. MONAHAN
HAROLD C. RONN
EDWARD J. DUPONT
ARTHUR J. CLAIRMONT, *Secretary*

The Park Commission met regularly at monthly intervals throughout the year to discuss ways and means of improving recreational facilities in our park system. Much has been accomplished along this line, such as, clearing additional frontage at Opechee Park for bathing facilities, loaming and seeding of the baseball field at Leavitt Park, and the construction of a new tennis court at Leavitt Park. Additional land was purchased adjoining Tardif Park in order to provide more playground area.

Community buildings were painted and renovated. Grounds were cleared and improved. New equipment was purchased by the various park Community Clubs whose members gave freely of their time and energy in order to promote the necessary funds needed for these purchases. They are to be highly complimented for their interest and support.

The playground season has been extended, and supervision retained, for an additional two weeks on both land and waterfront. Parks and playgrounds officially opened June 26 and closed September 2.

Franklin Smith and Mrs. John

Saunders were supervisors and Earl Morissette and Robert McGrath were life guards at the Opechee Park Playground. Mrs. Lou Athanas, supervisor at Wyatt, Miss Theresa Perreault at Tardif and Lou Athanas and Miss Helen Simpson at Leavitt.

On January 19, 1950, at a meeting of the Park Commission, together with the Mayor and representatives of the Opechee Park, Wyatt Park, Tardif Park and Leavitt Park organizations, it was voluntarily agreed that for the fiscal year February 15, 1950, that the following enumerated rules of operation would be carried out by the Community House organizations in their dealings with the City of Laconia Park Commission and the Office of the City Clerk.

1. The office of the City Clerk is to be kept informed promptly at all times of all officers and persons in charge of property in the Community Houses.
2. The rental of the real estate properties of the Community Houses to be set at a figure of \$5.00 per rental.
3. All rents from the real estate properties are to be turned over to the office of the City Clerk at least once per month.
4. Each Community House organization may fix the rental fee for their kitchen equipment, kitchen services, and janitor service, at their discretion and judgment.
5. All income, excepting rentals for real estate properties, to be considered the income of the Community House and expended as the Community House organizations may deem necessary and proper.

6. All expenditures of an amount less than \$20.00 for which the City of Laconia is to be responsible, are to be first approved by the Chairman or the Secretary of the Park Commission, either orally or in writing, excepting, however, instances of emergency repairs.
7. All expenditures exceeding an amount of \$20.00 for which the City is to be responsible, are to be first approved by action of the Park Commission as a whole.
8. All charges against the Community Houses for electricity, power, water, and fuel, are to be paid by the City of Laconia.
9. All Community Houses are to maintain accurate and legible records concerning their in-
- come and expenses. These records are to be available for inspection by the City Auditor upon request.
10. The policy of each Community House with respect to gratuitous rentals for charitable, community, religious, and political organization; the emphasis on activities for children and adults; and the presence and use of intoxicating liquors are to be determined by the membership or officers of each Community House.
11. These rules are to be subject to modification, change, or deletion at the discretion of the City of Laconia Park Commission after due notice to the Community House organizations.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 19,995.83
Balance 2 15/49—Opechee Park Grandstand	10,611.01
Special Appropriation—New water main Opechee....	500.00
Special Appropriation—Hot Water Heaters	545.59
 Revenue:	
Insurance Refunds	20.08
Sale of Equipment and Supplies	24.98
Expense of moving bleachers to Plymouth Fair ...	247.20
Total Receipts	\$ 31,944.69

EXPENDITURES

Athletic Floodlights	\$ 1,014.05
Band Concerts	540.00
Fuel	1,253.35
Insurance	366.55
Labor on parks—3 men	1,850.57
Lights and Water	601.55
Materials for Repairs, Supplies	1,418.56
Moving Bleachers and Storage	662.65
Opechee—Grading	336.05
Opechee—Moving Building and Storage	35.00
Salaries—Park Attendants—8	2,105.20
Skating Rinks	1,184.82
Supervision	850.00
Tardif Park—Setting Equipment	426.00
Capital Outlays:	

Grading and Seeding—Leavitt Park	3,296.54
Tennis Court—Leavitt Park	1,030.50
Purchase of land—Tardif Park	800.00
Painting and floor improvements	605.00
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Hot Water Heaters	545.59
Opechee Park Grandstand	11,070.81
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	1,016.90
Balance carried forward to next fiscal year (\$645.00 Skating Rinks and \$290.00 for the Tardif Park Fence)	935.00
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Total Expenditures	\$ 31,944.69

LEAVITT FUND

RECEIPTS

Interest on Trust Funds	\$ 300.17
Rents	301.50
New England Tel. and Tel. stock	33.25
Treasurer of the United States—Government bond	5.00
Water Company Stock	105.00
Balance carried forward 2/15/49	2,228.67
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Total Receipts	\$ 2,973.59

EXPENDITURES

Janitor Services	\$ 254.40
Labor and Materials—painting and plumbing	233.36
Public Service Company	39.99
Balance carried forward 2/15 50	2,445.84
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Total Expenditures	\$ 2,973.59

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL BOARD

THEO S. JEWETT, *Chairman*
MRS. RALPH A. SMITH, *Secretary*
DR. A. PHILIP LAFRANCE
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RHODEN B. EDDY, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

As Chairman of the School Board of the City of Laconia, it again becomes my duty to report to the citizens and taxpayers of the city that the Board has done its very best during the past year to maintain a satisfactory school system for the better education of the children of this city.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the citizens and taxpayers for the interest shown during the past year, and begs to advise that there has been a greater attendance at School Board meetings of citizens and taxpayers than ever before, but still there have not been as many people at the Board meetings as the members would like to see; more citizens should attend these meetings and discover exactly how their money is being spent. As I stated in my 1948 Report, education today is an expensive business and the school appropriation is necessarily large, but the education of the children of this

city is by far the most important problem that confronts us, and the more we pay for their education the better citizens we will produce in the future.

At this time I wish the citizens of Laconia would pay particular attention to the voluminous report attached to this record by our Superintendent, Mr. Rhoden B. Eddy, who has gone into the various problems dealing with general statistics for the year, financial statistics for the year, our school lunch program and a lengthy report of the school staff and library.

It was very gratifying to the School Board to have had so many people attend the budget hearing during the last month, where the expense of operation of our public school system was taken up in detail before the Mayor and City Council. At that time the six sections of our school budget were discussed thoroughly, viz: Administration, Instruction, Operation and Maintenance of the School Plant, Auxiliary Agencies, Fixed Charges, Outlay and Equipment, and Extensions of Educational Services. I wish it had been possible for more taxpayers to be present to go over the budget items and to see and realize what educational costs are today, bearing in mind that the School Board has to obtain its money from the City Council, but also bearing in mind that the School Board has entire jurisdiction over the expenditure of the funds appropriated by the Council. The largest item in the

School Budget of course is that of Instruction. If we are to employ the most promising teachers within our means we can maintain a high standard in our teaching staff and this is the greatest but most important expenditure we make. It is my opinion that Laconia stands well in front educationally because of competent instructors.

In closing, I hope that every citizen will give this report careful reading, for your children are

being educated and your money is being spent by the School Board to do the best job possible. Our city is growing rapidly and it costs more each year to operate it, and this holds true, of course, with our school system as well. The School Board will be grateful for your suggestions for the betterment of our schools.

THEO S. JEWETT,
Chairman, Laconia School
Board.

School Report

1948—1949

*Members of the Laconia School Board
and Citizens of Laconia:*

This Report is intentionally brief to save expenses. There will be no separate Report as there was for 1947-1948 when the story of Laconia High School was told. However, it is hoped that the material selected for presentation here will be interesting and informative and that it will help the reader to understand better the Laconia School System.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

1948—1949

	Total Enrollment*	Average Membership	Percent Attendance
Kindergarten	120	108	86.74%
Elem. School (Grs. 1-6)	846	782	94.09%
Junior H. S. (Grs. 7-8)	318	301	94.51%
Senior H. S. (Grs. 9-12)	663	623	95.49%
Totals	1952	1814	

*Number of different pupils enrolled in school throughout the year.

Number of days of school 180

Number of High School graduates 127

Number of public school and parochial
school pupils transported 264

FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

1948—1949

There follows a complete financial statement for the school year 1948-1949. Close examination of the figures show many interesting facts. It shows just how much money was spent for each division of the school system and for extensions of educational services (Apprentice classes, evening schools, veterans on-the-farm training program.)

The figures also show just where the money came from to operate the whole educational system. These are especially interesting.

1. Through local taxation, Laconia raised and appropriated the sum of \$325,708.00.	
2. From tuition, dog tax, rentals, etc. the schools earned	\$ 43,063.47
3. From State Aid to Education, the schools received	31,338.57
4. Total income beyond appropriation	74,402.04
5. Total available income	\$400,110.04
6. Total expenditures	400,107.79
7. Unspent, returned to city	\$ 2.25
8. Particular attention should be given to item 3. Through sources <i>other than local taxation</i> , Laconia received \$31,338.57 to assist in supporting the cost of educating its boys and girls. The New Hampshire Legislature, of 1949, practically eliminated all State Educational Aid in the state by its failure to provide funds in sufficient amount for public education. In consequence, either real property taxes must make up the difference, or the education of New Hampshire boys and girls must suffer.	

In many communities the loss of state educational aid funds will be acute because these communities lack sufficient real estate upon which to raise large enough sums of money to carry on an adequate educational program. But, in all communities in New Hampshire there will also be a threat to the support of education because of an unwillingness to raise sufficient school money on local real estate, because of the demand for funds for other purposes and departments, and because of the need to spend large sums of money for new public works — school buildings, streets and roads, sewage disposal, etc.

Financial Statistics for the year 1948-1949

BUDGET "A" Expenditures:

Item	Total	Distribution of Expenditures		
		Elem. Kdg.-Gr. 6	J.H.S. Grs. 7 & 8	S.H.S. Grs. 9-12
I. ADMINISTRATION				
1. Sal. & Exp. Dist. Officers	\$ 282.00			
2. Supt's. Excess Sal. & Travel	4,425.00			
3. Att. Officer & Cen- sus	1,200.00			
4. Other Expenses of Admin.	1,208.77			
5. Sec. and Clerical Salaries	5,287.50			
6. Tel., Mailings and Off. Supplies	1,529.32			
Tot. Administration	\$ 13,932.59			
II. INSTRUCTION				
7. Teachers' Salaries ..	\$261,455.74	\$96,784.13	\$46,346.16	\$118,325.45
8. Textbooks	4,229.82	405.02	816.23	3,008.57
9. All Pupils Supplies	11,577.22	2,898.43	2,775.87	5,902.92
10. Other Exp. Inst'n.	2,893.23	317.00	366.06	2,210.17
11. School Libraries	464.34	30.85	92.45	341.04
Tot. Instruction	\$280,620.35	\$100,435.43	\$50,396.77	\$129,788.15
III. OPERATION & MAINT. (School Plant)				
12. Janitors' Salaries	\$ 16,802.79	\$ 6,649.64	\$ 3,403.07	\$ 6,750.08
13. Fuel	9,226.21	4,595.77	1,852.17	2,778.27
14. Water, Elec., Gas	5,569.58	1,143.30	1,764.39	2,661.89
15. Maintenance Sup. ..	2,748.87	846.74	754.72	1,147.41
16. Painting and Decoration	2,684.22	650.81	433.88	1,599.53
17. Repairs and Re- placements	9,344.24	2,446.99	2,283.47	4,613.78
18. Other Exp. of Main- tenance	263.79	26.20	95.04	142.55
Tot. Oper. & Maint.	\$ 46,639.70	\$ 16,359.45	\$10,586.74	\$ 19,693.51
Item	Total	Distribution of Expenditures		
		Elem. Kdg.-Gr. 6	J.H.S. Grs. 7 & 8	S.H.S. Grs. 9-12
IV. AUXILIARY AGENCIES				
19. Sal. School Nurses	\$ 4,556.60	\$ 1,932.40	\$ 1,055.13	\$ 1,569.07
20. Sal. Sch. Physician	300.00	200.00	100.00	.00
21. Sal. Dent. Hygienist	.00	.00	.00	.00
22. Health Supplies	27.69	10.81	6.74	10.14
23. Transportation	8,201.95	6,515.41	843.26	843.28
24. Other Spec. Activ.	.00	.00	.00	.00
Tot. Aux. Agencies	\$ 13,085.24	\$ 8,658.62	\$ 2,005.13	\$ 2,422.49

V. FIXED CHARGES

Item	Total	Distribution of Expenditures		
		Elem. Kdg.-Gr. 6	J.H.S. Gr. 7 & 8	S.H.S. Gr. 9-12
25. Insurance	\$ 6,080.16			
25a. Rent—Lakeport				
Kindergarten	205.55			
26. Retirement	9,177.17			
Tot. Fixed Charges	\$ 15,462.88			

VI. OUTLAY & NEW EQUIPMENT

27. Building Alterations	\$ 13,121.29	\$ 8,135.87	\$ 740.93	\$ 1,244.49
28. New Equipment ...	14,131.47	5,201.80	3,078.48	5,851.19
Tot. Outlay & New Equip.	\$ 24,252.76	\$13,337.67	\$ 3,819.41	7,095.68
GRAND TOTALS	\$393,994.52	\$138,791.17*	\$66,808.05*	\$158,999.83*

*Vertical totals do not equal grand total because all items are not distributed among elementary, junior and senior high school.

BUDGET "B" Expenditures:

VII. EXTENSIONS OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Evening School Sal.	\$ 951.00
2. Evening School Bks. & Sup.	127.76
3. Sal.—App. Course Teachers	515.00
4. Vets On-the-Farm Training	4,519.51
Tot. Ext. of Educ. Serv.	\$ 6,113.27

SUMMARY

BUDGET "A"—Oper. Pub. Day Schools	\$393,994.52
BUDGET "B"—Ext. of Educ. Serv.	6,113.27

\$400,107.79

INCOME FOR 1948-1949

City Appropriation	\$325,708.00
Area Vocational School Reimbursements:	
(a) Federal Reimbursements	\$ 7,620.43
(b) State Reimbursements	10,358.50
STATE AID*	17,978.93
Reimbursements for Vet. Farm Training Program (Federal)	31,338.57*
DOG TAX**	4,122.79
	1,732.39**

Tuitions (High School)	12,256.35
Tuitions (Junior High School & Elementary)	4,447.16
Miscellaneous (Rentals, Sale of materials, etc.)	2,525.85

1948-1949 TOTAL AVAILABLE INCOME \$400,110.04

*This money lost to Laconia with Legislature's failure to appropriate State funds.

**This money lost to the schools after 1950 by City Council's failure to appropriate to school henceforth. (Varies between \$1,600 and \$2,000)

TOTAL INCOME FOR SCHOOLS 1948-1949 \$400,110.04
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS 1948-1949 400,107.79

Unspent funds, returned to City \$ 2.25

THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The School Lunch Program is operated by the Laconia School Board, but the account is kept entirely separate from all other school expenditures and all other school income. Except for the services (heat, light, gas, electricity, etc.) and the salary of the teacher-director, the Lunch Program operates at no expense to the City. This is made possible by Federal Lunch reimbursements which pay nine cents on every pupil's meal and one cent on every bottle of milk. (However, free meals and milk are given to some pupils, as noted below.)

The High School Cafeteria kitchen is the classroom for an Area Vocational School class of 'Cooks and Bakers', and the Director of the School Lunch Program, Mrs. Elizabeth Winslow, is the teacher of this class. The class meets three consecutive hours daily and the pupils receive direct vocational training for foods services occupations.

There is an effort made to provide excellent food to the pupils at no profit. However, profits have accumulated over a period of years, but the money must, under Federal Regulations, remain in the School Lunch Fund.

Statistics — 1948-1949

Receipts from lunch	\$22,862.30
Receipts from reimbursement	7,625.11
Total Receipts	\$30,487.41
Expenditures	30,431.35
Net	\$ 56.06
Cash on hand, September 1, 1948	1,943.25
Cash on hand, June 30, 1949	\$ 1,999.31
Estimated value of foods distributed by Agr. Mkt. Adm.	2,808.75
Transportation charges to us	100.48
	\$2,708.27
Total meals served	82,967
Total free meals served	2,092
Total free milk served	3,148½ pints
Price of meals 1948-1949	

To March 1	20¢ to Elementary school children 25¢ to High School children 34¢ to Teachers and Adults
From March 1	15¢ to Elementary school children 20¢ to High School children 30¢ to Teachers and Adults

THE SCHOOL STAFF FOR 1948-1949

I Number of Persons in Educational Positions

No. Elem. School Teachers	32	Home Visiting Teacher	1
No. Junior H. S. "	9	Part-time Penmanship (equiv.)	1
No. J.H.S.-S.H.S. "	12	J.H.S. Prin. & Submaster	1
No. Senior H.S. "	25	J.H.S.-S.H.S. Headmaster	1
Special subject Teacher-Supervisors (Music-Art-Physical Education)			6
Supervisory Assistant (Specialist in Reading-Testing-Teaching Procedures)			1
Superintendent of Schools			1

Total staff members* 90 (*For 48-49. To conserve funds in '49-'50
it was necessary to eliminate two positions.)

No. of women on staff 62

No. of men on staff 28

II Educational Training of Staff Members

A — Amount of Training

Five Years or more with Master's Degree (College & Univ.)	16
Four Years or more with Bachelor's Degree (College)	57
Three or two years or more with Diploma (Normal School)	14
At least 15 years Trade Experience (Vocational)	3

B — Where Trained*

	Elem. Teachers	J.H.S. & H.S. Admin. or Teachers	Spec. Teachers
At a N. H. Teachers College or Normal School	28	7	2
At University of N. H.	—	9	—
Outside N.H. or at some private institution	6	29	6

*The institution in which the degree or diploma was secured
undergraduate work is given here.

III Experience of Staff Members

No. Members with 1 to 8 years experience	39
No. Members with 9 to 16 years experience	28
No. Members with 17 to 24 years experience	14
No. Members with 25 to 32 years experience	6
No. Members with 33 to 40 years experience	3

For the entire staff the median (middle) numbers of years
experience is 7.5 yrs.

For members of the elementary school staff the median is 5 "

For members of the secondary school staff the median is 10 "

IV Miscellaneous Information Relating to Staff

The junior-senior high school with a total enrollment of 987 pupils is staffed with 52 teachers (including special subject teacher-supervisors who also serve the elementary schools). Of 52 teachers, 26 are men. Of these 26 male teachers, all excepting one man, are married. There are 24 dependent wives. In the total staff there are 65 teacher dependents.

V Summary

The information tabulated above will give the reader a good overall picture of the kind of teacher educating Laconia's young people, and the characteristics of the staff as a whole.

There is a balance in the experience of the staff—more than one-fourth have experience ranging upwards from seventeen to forty years, while the median amount of experience is seven and one-half years. The staff is well-trained; seventy-three members of the staff have had four years or more college training, and fifteen percent have had five years' training, or more. (Except in the vocational field, all teachers now entering the system on a permanent basis must have at least a Bachelor's degree.) Beyond the training possessed by the staff members when they entered teaching, a large number have 'kept up' by taking extension courses and by attending 'summer school'. In the last three years 90 teachers have taken University Extension Courses during the school year, and 38 have attended summer school. This count does not tell the whole story of in-service training because the count includes only those staff members employed during the present school year; many teachers have left during the past three years who also took extension courses and who attended summer school.

The staff is well balanced, in grades seven through twelve at least, with men, and, as pointed out above, these are men with families, who have made teaching their lives' work and who have children of their own. Laconia also has several married women teachers on its staff and many of these have children.

It is well for the person interested in education to consider not only the quality of teaching, but also the total impact of the teaching staff upon the understanding and atmosphere surrounding the pupil in school. In education, *the teacher is all important*. All else is secondary. The reader should interpret the information here in this light. Laconia has an excellent, well rounded, educational staff.

The single discouraging fact in analyzing the Laconia teaching staff is the element of 'turnover'. For example, only 32% of the high school teaching staff, now employed, were staff members in 1943, and in the elementary school only 18% of the present staff were employed in 1943. Not all of this loss is due to the fact that teachers have left Laconia for other positions—although many have left for this reason to secure higher salaries; marriage also accounts for many losses. In under-

taking long range plans for the improvement of instruction, in carrying out successful practices and procedures, and in developing a singleness of effort throughout the entire grade range of the school system, a heavy teacher 'turnover' creates educational problems.

REPORT OF THE LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
for
1948 1949

An outstanding feature of the Laconia school system is its High School Library and the invaluable and highly skillful services of Miss Elizabeth O'Shea, its librarian. The Report for the present year indicates the part played by the library and the librarian in the better education of Laconia's young people.

To the Laconia School Board
and Superintendent Rhoden B. Eddy:

The Laconia High School Library
Report for 1948-1949

	1946-'47	1947-'48	1948-'49
Library Attendance	30,076	30,709.	32,398
Circulation of Books	10,225	10,886.	10,425
Number Pupils Holding Cards	860	832	890
Average Circulation of Books			
Per Card Holding Pupil	11.8	12.95	11.7
Number Books Lost or Discarded .....	...	...	59
Number Books Added to Library .....	...	...	336
Number Books In Library This Year .....	...	...	4,602
Number Magazines Received Regularly ...	...	...	55
Number Magazines Purchased by			
School Dept. ....	...	...	30
Number Magazines Given School .....	...	...	25
Gift Newspapers—Christian Science Monitor			
Morning Union			
Amount of Money collected in fines—\$190.71.			

The outstanding event of the history of the library for this year was the gift to the library of three hundred dollars by the Junior High School. All the books purchased were books designed for reading by boys and girls from twelve to sixteen years of age—no reference books. The new plastic covers used make the books very attractive. The three lower grades have read extensively and with keen interest. I do not think that they ever did so much free reading. This will help in making better readers later.

In addition to the 129 books purchased by the Junior High School, we have had many other gifts:

27 books from Miss Kendrick and her Journalism Classes in addition to the 72 given by her a year ago.

The 1948 55th Annual Report of the City of Laconia from Charles Lord to go with the almost complete file he gave us in 1948. The

only ones missing are the 7th, 8th, and 9th Annual Reports. We have the other 52.

The 1949 N. H. Manual for the General Court, No. 31. We have only two missing of the complete file of these, thanks to Fred Tilton. We also have received from him twenty volumes of the State Papers of New Hampshire going back to 1749.

The Photographic History of the Civil War by Miller, 10 vols., from Mr. and Mrs. S. Scharf.

Many other gifts from other friends of the library.

Our collection of reference books is very good. The new Compton's Encyclopedia is all that I had hoped, and by keeping the old set we can supply the needs of groups of pupils very well.

Our occupations file; which is excellent, and the large supply of college catalogs have been invaluable in assisting pupils to plan their courses and life work.

I am still hoping that before long one of the coat rooms will be available for the magazine collection. Our Abridged Readers' Guide begins in 1940, and soon we shall have ten years of many magazines indexed there. We subscribe to or receive almost all of them now. A room especially set aside for the magazine reference work with fairly wide shelves and a table for the use of pupils would be extremely valuable and would free the cupboards for books.

All the freshman classes have had ten periods of library instruction followed by a test. All the seventh grade pupils have received three periods of instruction and have had many practice periods.

I have been pleased to have so many groups sent to the library by the various instructors for reference work in English, history and sociology.

This coming year I plan to do all that I can to build up a better selection of books for the three upper grades. We need many more books on this level—books to be read in connection with history and sociology as well as literature.

Next fall the teachers will be pleased to find a fairly good collection of books on remedial reading.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH M. O'SHEA
Librarian.

At all times, it will be a privilege and a favor to assist the parents and citizens of Laconia in gaining complete information about their schools.

Respectfully submitted,

RHODEN B. EDDY,
Superintendent of Schools.

HEALTH and SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH

CHAS. D. DOCKHAM, *President*
EARL J. GAGE, M.D.
JAMES A. SIMPSON

CITY PHYSICIAN

The City Physician has attended people who have required medical or surgical care as recommended by the Overseer of the Poor. He has been present at all major fires. When called upon to do so, he has examined the defendants in Municipal Court cases involving drunkenness. The general health of the city during the year was reported good. No epidemics have been experienced.

SUMMARY

Police Cases	61
Office Calls	91
House Calls	65
Hospital Visits	41
Deliveries	2
Fire Dept.	4
Police Officer Exams	18
	282

E. S. Morris, M.D.

CITY NURSE

The City Nurse made 1985 calls for medical and surgical patients for the past year. The following is a summary of these visits:

Medical	1135
Surgical	384
Pre-school Children	111
Crippled Children	88
Pre-natal	1

Post-natal	20
Infant care	115
Home Visits, Instructive ..	131

All visits to patients made by the Laconia Visiting Nurse are made in response to the request of a physician in the community, who gives her medical orders and directions as to the care needed and treatment required for his patient.

She is responsible to the Public Health Physician for the proper performance of her work.

The following is a summary of the Nurse's care to patients:

1. Bedside Nursing.
2. Treatment ordered by a Physician in the home.
3. On call for special treatment in convalescent homes.
4. Instructions to members of a patient's family as to invalid or infant care, etc.
5. Visits and instruction to families regarding care of crippled children.
6. Work of a semi-social service nature—as contacting agency for aid in cases without means or proper food and clothing.

Patients are of four types:

1. Chronic and Medical patients
 - a. Who require bedside nursing and treatment, often over a period of years.
 - b. Patients who require treatment and nursing care and advice.
2. Surgical Patients
 - a. Visits in the homes for surgical dressings following patient's discharge from the Hospital.
 - b. More numerous service, establishment of early ambulatory routine for hospital patients.

3. Visits for Prenatal and Post-natal and infant care and instruction.
4. Visits for instruction and the care of crippled children.

HEALTH INSPECTOR

Market Inspection:

Inspections have been made this year concerning the sixty-nine markets located in Laconia, Lakeport and the Weirs.

Restaurants, Hotel Dining Rooms, and Diners, Transient Food Dispensers and Counter Service inspection has been made in sixty-eight establishments located in the Laconia Area.

Cabin Colonies and Tourist Homes:

Inspections were made at the sixty-eight cabin colonies and tourist homes located in Laconia. In regard to water supply and facilities in general, cabin colonies are now to be rated as among the best compared to other recreational areas. Sewage disposal is the common complaint from cabin owners.

Slaughtering Inspections

Slaughter inspection has been carried on in routine method.

Convalescent and Foster Homes:

Several new Convalescent Homes have been inspected and made to comply with regulations in order to obtain licenses for operation.

Complaints:

Seventy-four complaints were made during the past year con-

cerning matters which were considered injurious to the public health. Each complaint was thoroughly investigated, and action taken in any case which the Board so ruled. The most common complaint being septic tank contamination.

Milk Inspection:

Dealers, Producer-Dealers and Producers are cooperating to keep the high quality milk in Laconia. Excessive high bacteria counts have been investigated and causative factors remedied. No serious illnesses have been caused by Laconia's milk supply.

LABORATORY SUMMARY

Bacteria Analysis	2198
Butter Fat	1830
Total Solids	1363
Phosphatase	401
Coliform Organisms	1809
Sediment Tests	1305
Farm Inspections	385
Plant Inspections	288
Water Analysis	65

MILK LICENSE

Producer-Dealers	18
Dealers	7
Stores and Restaurants ...	115
Producers (approved)	131

AVERAGES OF MILK SUPPLY

Pasteurized Milk	12,300
Raw Milk	52,000
Butter Fat	4.0

RECEIPTS

City Nurse	\$443.75
Slaughtering	55.50
Water Analysis	7.00

	\$506.25
Milk Licenses	\$234.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 9,635.00
Additional appropriations during year	110.00
Revenue	29.81
 Total Receipts	 <hr/>
	\$ 9,774.81

EXPENDITURES

Equipment and Supplies	\$ 48.61
Mileage	600.00
Milk and Cream	118.28
Miscellaneous	49.56
Printing and Postage	49.83
Salaries:	
Board of Health—3	750.00
Health Officer	3,299.92
City Nurse	3,062.80
City Nurse—vacation substitute	70.00
Health Technician	1,470.00
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Telephone and Gas	218.66
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	37.15
 Total Expenditures	 <hr/>
	\$ 9,774.81

WELFARE

Overseer of Poor . . . JOHN E. HOEY

*To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Laconia
Gentlemen:*

In submitting this my first report to you for the year ending February 15, 1950 I wish to pay tribute to my predecessor, Mr. Frank Ricker. I feel that had he lived his knowledge and advise in matters that his years of experience taught him would have been of great assistance to me.

I also wish to express to Mrs. Mildred Bucklin, former assistant in the City Welfare Department, and Mrs. Helen Hayner, County Welfare Supervisor, my grateful appreciation for their assistance to me in assuming a new and unfamiliar responsibility.

Thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000.) was the amount appropriated for DIRECT RELIEF for the fiscal year 1949-50. An additional five thousand dollars (\$5,000) was transferred from the Excess & Deficiency Account in December, making the total amount available for Direct Relief, forty-three thousand dollars (\$43,000).

This additional five thousand (\$5,000) was necessary due to a steady increase in unemployment, plus the fact that compensation became exhausted for a great number of persons, and the discontinuance of the GI 52-20 Club as of July 25, necessitated requests for additional aid by people receiving partial or no aid at all.

The amount appropriated, \$38,000. was disbursed as follows:

For Aid to Families	\$16,707.56
For Aid to Single Persons	4,666.11
For Aid to Veterans' Families	14,116.70
For Aid to Single Veterans	543.82
Board & Care of Adults	1,711.85
Board & Care of Children	5,046.10
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Total Relief	\$ 42,792.14
Salaries and Expenses amounted to	2,718.32
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Total	45,510.46
Leaving a deficit of	\$7,510.46

Refunds in the amount of \$1,607.69 have been obtained, making \$5,902.77 necessary to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Fund. Of this amount \$5,000. was transferred in December, 1949 leaving the amount to be transferred as of February 15, 1950, \$902.77.

It may be of interest to know that an average of 260.5 persons were aided each month, with an average cost of aid per person of \$14.59.

I also feel that the following facts should be made known, in order that a clearer picture of the Welfare Department may be had. Ser-

vice was furnished different City Departments by men on Relief without pay in appreciation for aid furnished them. However, no transfer of funds was made from the different Departments to the Welfare Department, therefor credit does not show on the statement of the Welfare Department. A crew of men worked at Opechee, Tardiff, Wyatt and Leavitt Parks. Help was also furnished when the yellow parking lines were repainted and aid furnished in City Hall making necessary repairs. In all a total of 646 hours of labor was furnished by these men, representing \$507.

The amount of \$45,510.46 expended for Relief is broken down as follows:

Food, milk, groceries, meats, etc.	\$ 24,241.79
Rent & Shelter	4,931.62
Fuel	3,157.36
Clothing, shoes and rubbers	878.96
Gas, Electric and Misc.	216.72
Board & Care of	
Aged and Infirm	1,709.00
Children	4,879.52
Salaries	2,499.47
Office Expense	111.89
Telephone and tolls	106.96
Hospital	1,609.92
Other Medical	1,062.25
Funeral and ambulance	105.00
Total	\$ 45,510.46

Some savings were made in the amount expended for clothing and fuel, due to the fact that clothes made during WPA days were distributed where possible instead of purchasing same. The City also had some wood which was delivered to needy families by the Street Department.

Assistance has been rendered to 89 families, comprised of 339 Persons; to 41 single persons; to 64 Veterans' Families, comprised of 261 persons; to 9 single Veterans; to 8 Aged and Infirm persons; and to 15 Board & Care of Children cases. This is a total of 673 persons assisted.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

The Aged and Infirm recipients of Old Age Assistance, for whom the City of Laconia is legally responsible, have received a total of \$149,567.42. Of this amount the City contributed 25%. The Appropriation for this purpose was \$43,000. The sum of \$37,391.86 has been expended, leaving a balance from the Appropriation of \$5,608.14.

The check from the State, covering the City's share of the amount recovered from the estates of deceased persons, was \$187.50, making the amount available for transfer to Excess & Deficiency Fund \$5,795.64.

A year ago there were 207 cases on the books; at present there are 226 cases.

FIRE PROTECTION

FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

GERARD L. MORIN, *Chairman*
ROBERT A. HOUGH

ARMAND O. ROUX

MERLE B. SARGENT *Fire Chief*
CLINTON H. ELKINS .. *Senior Captain*
DELPHIIS A. GIGUERRE *1st Assistant Engineer*
HERBERT L. MANSFIELD *2nd Assistant Engineer*
BERTRAM MORIN *3rd Assistant Engineer*

During the past year we have lost one of our oldest and most loyal members by death.

Captain Milo Judkins died November 12, 1949.

He had been a member of the Fire Department for forty-three years, the last seven of which he was Captain at the Lakeport Station.

Fires and Fire Losses

During 1949 the Fire Department responded to 281 alarms, 264 of which were still alarms and 17 were box calls. One hundred twenty-five calls were for residential property, 25 for mercantile and manufacturing property, 71 for grass and brush fires, 38 for cars, boats, etc., 18 were

false calls or there were no fires and 3 for emergencies.

We had one death caused by fire.

Fire losses for 1949 were \$37,722.61.

During the past year a Maxim 65 foot aerial ladder truck was put in commission to replace the 1925 American LaFrance ladder truck. This gives us six pieces of modern efficient fire apparatus.

The only immediate need is the addition of a new tank truck to give us added protection in those areas of the city where the water supply is not sufficient at the present time. We have purchased a new ladder pipe for the new aerial ladder, also a 2500 watt portable lighting plant which we were sorely in need of.

We have at present 191 hydrants in the city. There is need of more hydrants in several sections of the city. Eight new hydrants have been authorized by the city council but not yet installed. Our fire alarm system should be replaced with a modern system as soon as it is possible. More alarm boxes should be added to adequately cover the mercantile and thickly settled residential sections of the city. The Fire Stations at Lakeport and Laconia should be replaced. The Fire Station at Lakeport is badly in need of repairs and the Laconia Fire Station is in a very unfavorable location. Neither station is large enough nor do we have adequate storage or working space.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$57,429.12
Transfer in—Unallocated 1948 Bond Issue Balance	4,005.03
Fire Equipment Notes	18,000.00
Revenue:	
Auto Expense—Gas used by Police and Health Departments	1,376.09
Labor and Materials:	
Sale of fire doors	125.00
Sale of Ladder No. 1	325.00
Fire Alarm Exp.—fire box damaged in accident	169.47
Radio Upkeep	28.25
Telephone toll call15
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	2,023.96
Total Receipts	\$81,458.11

EXPENDITURES

Auto Expense	\$ 2,541.57
Fire Alarm Expense	430.74
Fuel	1,533.18
Gas, Water, Light and Power	715.39
Insurance	357.39
Inspection—Fire	100.00
Labor and Materials	2,362.75
Laundry, Telephone and Postage	596.98
Lunches, Travel and Conventions	26.34
Radio Upkeep	190.32
Salaries:	
Drivers' Payroll	33,229.28
Engine Co. No. 1	1,666.48
Engine Co. No. 2	1,666.48
Engine Co. No. 3	522.45
Hook and Ladder No. 1	1,666.48
Hook and Ladder No. 2	1,666.48
Board of Engineers	902.70
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	41,320.36
State of New Hampshire Retirement	715.91
Supplies	578.65
Capital Outlays—Equipment:	
Engine Covers	40.00
Helmets (3 doz.) and rubber coats	596.26
Hose	485.00
Radio Antenna	185.00
Refrigerator	100.00
Resusitator	640.00
Tank—Air pack	238.64
Truck—Aerial Ladder	25,760.00
Truck—Extra Equipment	930.95
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	28,975.85
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	855.85
Balance carried forward	156.82
(Hose, 2-way siamese with valves)	
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	\$81,458.11

POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE COMMISSION

F. E. NORMANDIN, *Chairman*
 KENNETH D. HOPKINS
 GUY C. RICHARDS

CHARLES E. DUNLEAVY, *Chief of Police*
 NORMAN P. DROUIN *Deputy Chief*
 WALTER E. MONT *Captain*

Personnel

The police force is made up of twenty-one regular officers and two extras. The extras are assigned to The Weirs for twelve weeks during the summer season.

Report of Arrests

The number of arrests continued to increase over previous years, 1948, 534; 1949, 575. The following is a summary of the causes of arrests and the disposition thereof:

ARRESTS

Males	544
Females	31
Total number of Arrests	575
Causes of Arrests	
Aggravated assault	1
Arrested for out of town officers	5
Assault	12
Assault on an officer	6
Allowing an unlicensed per- son to operate	11
Bastardy	1
Begging	4
Breaking and entering and larceny	6
Carrying a gun without a permit	1
Contributing to juvenile de- linquency	5

Deserter (Army)	1
Disorderly conduct	19
Drunkenness (resident)	114
Drunkenness (non-resident)	81
Failing to stop at stop sign	11
Failing to have car inspected	12
Failing to have car registered	3
Failing to stop after an ac- cident	8
Failing to keep to the right of the road	10
Forgery	1
Fornication	3
Gambling	7
Incest	1
Interfering with an officer	2
Insane persons	9
Larceny	11
Lewdness	4
Misuse of plates	3
Non-support of family	3
Neglecting to stop at officer's signal	4
Obtaining goods by false pretence	2
Operating auto without a muffler	2
Operating auto without pro- per brakes	10
Operating auto without a license	19
Operating auto without pro- per lights	2
Operating auto under the in- fluence of liquor	42
Operating auto at unreason- able speed	81
Operating auto recklessly	8
Operating auto after license had been revoked	7
Operating boat recklessly	1
Passing school bus that had red lights flashing	5
Possession of lottery tickets	3
Running over fire hose	2
Rape	2
Selling liquor without a license	2
Selling mortgaged property	2
Taking auto without the owner's permission	3
Vagrant	1
Violation of fish & game laws	17
Violation of the Compensa- tion laws	3

Violation of the milk laws	1
Willfully destroying property	1
Total	575

HOW DISPOSED OF

Appealed to Superior Court ..	5
Bail forfeited	11
Bound over to Superior Court ..	10
Committed to House of Correction	30
Committed to State Hospital	9
Complaints placed on file	4
Complaint nol-prossed	1
Cases not settled	4
Discharged by the court	1
Delivered to out of town officers	6
Paid fines & costs	487
Total	575

Incidental Services

Your department has cooperated with other departments of the city government and the individual citizens in assisting in many ways over and above its regular routine business. Some of these services are listed below:

Accidents reported	169
Accidents investigated	122
Assistance rendered	96
Assisted out of town officers	48
Autos reported stolen	3
Autos recovered	3
Bicycles reported stolen	21
Bicycles recovered	19
Complaints received and investigated	1,530

Dangerous streets reported ..	9
Fires discovered and alarms given	9
Fires attended	15
Lost children restored to parents	23
Larcenies reported	27
Police radio calls	7,956
Store doors & windows found open and secured	1,274
Street lights reported out	1,133
Telephone duty calls	37,902

Parking and Traffic

The Police Department has adopted the policy of issuing courtesy cards instead of tickets for parking violations to out-of-state car owners. This plan has resulted in building up a more friendly feeling for the City and its citizens.

The parking area adjoining the Fire Station is a welcome addition to the City's parking areas.

As an added protection to pedestrians the yellow lines indicating cross-walks have had glass beads embedded in the paint so that the lines are reflected at night.

The parking meters will be paid in full by the end of the year and the City will then have a fund which can be used to increase and improve the facilities of traffic and parking.

SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL COURT—1949

RECEIPTS

Fines	\$11,523.70
Costs	2,870.67
Small Claims	411.87
Parking Violations	1,580.50
Writs & Entry Fees	11.74
Refund	18.00
• Total Receipts	\$16,416.48

EXPENDITURES

City Physician--examinations	\$ 118.00
Miscellaneous	7.00
Postage	96.10
Printing	236.38
Salaries:	
Theo. Jewett, Special, Justice	\$ 200.00
Chas. E. Lord, Clerk of Court	600.00
Robert P. Tilton, Probation Officer	300.00
Harry E. Trapp, Justice	1,800.00
Small Claim Fees	184.00
	1,984.00
	3,084.00

State of N. H.:

Fish & Game Dept.	215.00
Motor Vehicle Dept.	6,236.70
Bureau of Labor	42.00
Unemployment Compensation Div.	56.90
Aeronautics Commission	50.00
	6,000.30

Restitution—State vs Blunden	700.00
Witness & Travel Fees	294.52

Total Expenditures	\$ 11,136.30
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Net Balance	5,280.18
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$67,633.20
Special Appropriation—extra protection—Weirs	1,009.00
Special Appropriation—change payment of State Retirement from yearly to monthly basis	1,555.26
Revenue:	
Travel in connection with court case	22.20
Sale of traffic paint and payments for damage to meters	52.50
Tax Refund on purchase of new car	72.60
Telephone calls	18.95
	166.25
Total Receipts	\$70,354.71

EXPENDITURES

Auto Expense	\$ 1,854.88
City Lockup Supplies	95.67
Equipment:	
Police car	1,000.00
New caps	44.05
Pistol Grip Lite	69.75
	1,113.80
Insurance	303.50
Labor and Materials	32.16
Lunches for Prisoners, Travel and Conventions.....	144.95
Miscellaneous and Contingencies	44.00

Printing	126.89
Radio and Professional Services	109.48
Salaries—20 regular men and specials	62,480.61
Supplies	277.33
Telephone, Postage and Express	1,428.04
Traffic	904.46
Uniform Allowance	1,350.00
Water, Light and Power	85.44
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	3.50
 Total Expenditures	 \$70,354.71

MOTH and FORESTRY

Tree Warden ARTHUR J. LAVALEE

Dead limbs were trimmed from over eighty-five (85) of the trees of the city during the year. Sixteen trees were so badly rotted

that they had to be taken down and one large stump was removed. There was also some moth work completed.

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 1,200.00
Revenue—Refund on purchase of supplies	7.50
 Total Receipts.....	 \$ 1,207.50

EXPENDITURES

Tree Warden	\$ 742.50
Helpers	312.80
Trucking	63.00
Supplies	54.78
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	34.42
.....	\$1,207.50

PUBLIC WORKS

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

HARRY L. SMITH, *President*
WILLIS G. WATSON
ALFRED W. SIMONEAU

Laconia, N. H. February 15, 1950

To the Board of Public Works

Gentlemen:

I present the following as the report of the Public Works Department for the year ending February 15, 1950. The amount expended by the department for the fiscal year was \$227,362.96 and is itemized in the various accounts shown in the following financial statement:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bridges

There were no funds provided in the year's budget for repairs to the wooden bridge on Mill Street and because of its unsafe condition, it was ordered closed to vehicular traffic by the City Council.

An examination and survey of the bridge has been made by the State Highway Bridge Department for the purpose of determining if and in what manner it could be repaired. A report has been made that it would not be practical or economical to strengthen the existing structure and that if highway traffic is to continue using the river crossing, the only sound proposition is to reconstruct the bridge. The proposed plan is to span the river with steel I-beams, supported on intermediate H Steel columns resting on two new piers. The bridge would have a deck of either concrete or wood. The estimate cost of the structure would be \$31,000.

The wooden foot bridge at Gold Street in Lakeport is in poor condition. About 50% of the stringers and deck are decayed, and they should be replaced this year.

The cement concrete curbs and some of the cement work on the abutments of Messer Street bridge should be renewed this year.

RESURFACING STREETS

The annual program of street surfacing was continued during the season. Forty-five thousand gallons of asphalt were applied in the maintenance of surface treated gravel streets and roads.

Union Avenue from Main Street to Normandin Square, Church Street, Elm Street from School Street to Massachusetts Avenue and Davis Place were repaved with a macadam type surface.

An aggregate consisting of asphalt and crushed stone, $\frac{3}{4}$ " maximum

in size, was mixed in the asphalt plant at Manchester Sand and Gravel Company. The material was laid to a minimum thickness of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches on the existing surface with a Barber Green Asphalt paver.

A seal coat of $\frac{3}{8}$ inch crushed stone and asphalt was then applied. The cost per square yard for this surface including labor and materials, raising catch basins, sewer and drain man holes was \$.64.

A $2\frac{1}{2}$ " plant-mixed hot asphalt was laid on Bowman Street at a cost of \$.83 a square yard.

SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks were graded and asphalt surfaces were laid on the following streets:

Gilford Avenue at Highland Street	200 feet
Union Avenue at Lake Street	130 "
Belvidere Street, west side Jefferson Street south	250 "
Highland Street, Taylor to Fairview	260 "
Carver Street	615 "
New Salem Street	185 "
Union Avenue at High Street	318 "
South Street	375 "

3200 square yards of existing walks were resurfaced.

SEWERS—DRAIN

The 33 miles of sanitary sewers were flushed, and maintained in a good condition.

An extension of 548 feet of 6 inch pipe was added to the Morrill Street sewer.

Surface water drains were flushed and catch basins and man holes received a periodic cleaning.

There are as yet a number of streets which need surface drains or the existing drains should be enlarged, on which capital budget estimates have been submitted to the Mayor and Council.

SURFACE DRAINS

Surface drains were constructed on Shore Drive, Holman, Paugus, Howard, South, Jackson and Overland Street. The number of feet of pipe, size and number of catch basins are scheduled below.

	15"	12"	10"	8	C.B.	M.H.
Holman Street &						
Shore Drive	3050'	1261'			56	1
Howard Street Drain	494'		125'	125'	10	
South Street	385'			72'	6	
Jackson Street	55'		21'		2	
Overland Street	242'	36'			3	
Paugus Street		950'	78'		10	

PLUMBING

The Plumbing Board issued two licenses to applicants who have successfully passed written and practical tests in plumbing and renewed 31 journeymen and 20 master plumber licenses.

The Department issued 107 permits for plumbing additions and inspected the work. Thirty-two house connections were made to the sanitary sewers.

GENERAL

With funds from the T.R.A. account, the Severance road was graded and widened and the surface given a tar application. The Roller Coaster Road was also surfaced with tar.

This year we plan to continue a program of widening, grading and improving more of the outlying roads thus making it easier to maintain good winter driving conditions.

Grading of the grounds at the departments garage was completed and the area in the immediate vicinity of the building was paved. In providing the public works department with this garage and workshop, an investment has been made which already has been reflected in the better appearance and more economical maintenance of our equipment.

One thousand feet of Shore Drive was graded and surfaced following the construction of surface water drains.

Other streets and roads graded and improved by the construction of drains, retaining walls and surfaces were Pendleton Beach Road, South, Overland and Paugus Streets.

An improved approach to the city from the north end was achieved by curbing and thus protecting the plot of land located between the highways on North Main Street. The area between curbs was loamed and landscaped with shrubs and young trees.

The old sheds at the Water Street yards were torn down. The site was graded and surfaced for a parking area which accommodates 50 cars.

In addition to its many and various other work, the Engineering Department has spent much time and effort in preparing a tax map covering wards five and six of the city. The next step is to correct and bring up to date the plans and deed records for the first four wards. I assume that funds will be provided for clerical hire to copy deeds and perform other typing so that we can complete this project this coming year.

The department purchased a D-2 Caterpillar tractor with a dozer blade and plow. Although, there has been no occasion to use this equipment for plowing sidewalks this winter, it has been very practical and used frequently this past year in backfilling sewer and drain ditches.

Due to light snow falls this season the winter expense account shows a substantial balance. Although the frequent freezing rains necessitated more salting and sanding the cost of hauling snow from streets was much less which accounts for most of the surplus.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD J. O'MARA
City Engineer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Department	Balances & Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Total Credits	Total Expended	Unexpended Balances
General Repairs & Maintenance	35,218.00	14,645.87	49,863.87	49,361.45	502.42
Winter Expenses	42,000.00		42,000.00	29,460.08	12,539.92
Sanding Sidewalks	3,350.00		3,350.00	3,450.79	100.79 †
Collection Ashes, Waste, Rentals	11,000.00		11,000.00	10,947.93	52.07
Sewer Maintenance	8,000.00	188.50	8,188.50	8,114.02	74.48
City Engineering	4,250.00		4,250.00	4,236.54	13.46
Cleaning Streets	10,400.00		10,400.00	10,903.97	503.97 †
Resurfacing Streets	13,000.00		13,000.00	12,797.08	202.92
City's Share of T. R. A.	1,024.99		1,024.99	1,024.99	
Drain Repairs	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,060.48	60.48 †
Cleaning Catch Basins	2,450.00		2,450.00	2,467.69	17.69 †
Cutting Trees, Grass, Brush	2,700.00		2,700.00	2,714.35	14.35 †
Maintenance of Macadam	15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00	
Resurfacing Sidewalks	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00	
Purchase of Equipment	1,953.22		1,953.22	1,689.00	264.22
Insurance	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,419.12	80.88
Map Project	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	
Public Works Garage	9,034.24		9,034.24	9,034.24	
Shore Drive Grading	8,279.82		8,279.82	3,602.69	4,677.13
Highland St. Walk (Gifford Ave. So.)	303.57		303.57	759.63	456.06 †
Morrill St. Sewer Extension	3,245.00		3,245.00	3,493.22	248.22 †
Pendleton Beach Road	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,169.44	169.44 †
North Main St. Improvement	3,570.00		3,570.00	2,785.90	784.10
Paugus St. Improvement	11,873.00		11,873.00	9,786.53	2,086.47
Union Ave. Walk at Barton's	203.50		203.50	158.88	44.62
Belvidere St. Walk (West Side)	488.46		488.46	484.66	3.80
Parking Area, Water St. Yard	1,375.00		1,375.00	1,189.21	185.79
Jackson St. to McGrath St. Layout	1,234.83		1,234.83	1,171.02	63.81
Howard St. Drain	3,476.00		3,476.00	2,840.39	635.61

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—Continued

Department	Balances & Appropriations	Receipts & Transfers	Total Credits	Total Expended	Unexpended Balances
Holman St. & Shore Drive Drains	15,884.00		15,884.00	13,966.38	1,917.62
Pleasant St. Curb	870.00		870.00	868.24	1.76
Highland St. Walk (Taylor — Fairview)	515.00		515.00	504.28	10.72
Carver St. Walk	2,158.37		2,158.37	2,107.03	51.34
Microfilmng Records	500.00		500.00	319.73	180.27
Pine St. Curb Corner Sleep'r St.	290.00		290.00		290.00
French Dye Works Sewer	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,340.88	159.12
Belvidere St. Walk (Balance)	665.91		665.91		665.91
South St. Improvement	4,398.01		4,398.01	3,184.29	1,213.71
New Salem St. Walk	242.40	164.82	406.82	329.65	77.17
Union Ave. Walk near Hus'e's	656.00		656.00	518.65	137.35
Overland St. Improvement	1,167.00		1,167.00	1,100.53	66.47
Bond Issue Projects (Balance)	4,200.64		4,220.64		4,220.64
			\$241,996.55	\$256,995.74	\$227,362.90
					\$29,632.78

‡ Indicates an overdraft

FINANCIAL REPORT
Showing in detail receipts and expenditures
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Appropriations	167,557.99
Balance carried over from 1948	74,438.56

Received From:

Harry Abrams, plumbing licenses	1.00
American Tar Co., labor and equipment	25.20
Dana Beane Jr., labor and material	15.25
Dana Beane Sr., labor	9.06
Adelard Beaudoin, sewer connection and permit	71.41
Belknap County, labor and material	261.81
Hercules J. Bergeron, labor and material	17.00
Joseph Bilodeau, plumbing examination	1.00
Adolphus Bisson, plumbing licenses	1.00
W. M. Bisson, use of equipment	50.00
Donat Boluduc, sewer connection and permit	72.47
Boston & Maine R. R., refund on broken pipe	64.49
Bernard Boutin, sewer connection and permit	146.91
Howard Bowen, plumbing licenses	1.00
A. J. Brodhead, drain connection	20.00
Charles Burt, manure	8.00
Joseph Busque, salt	1.10
Euclide Cantin, labor and material	51.83
Alex E. Cassettary, sewer connection and permit	170.59
Herve Champagne, material	15.06
Everette Chase, sewer connection	53.76
Charles Chatas, sewer connection and permit	75.00
Harry Clement, sewer connection and permit	222.84
Harry L. Clow, sewer connection	41.70
Clow & Jenson, sewer connection and permit	55.00
Adelard Cyr, sewer connection	75.08
Minna Day, sewer connection	11.78
Carl Dolloff, wheels	4.00
Omer Duguay, sewer connections and permits	172.52
Duguay & Levasseur, sewer connection and permit	55.33
Delphis Dutile, asphalt	4.40
Stanley K. Flower, sewer connection	16.12
Frank W. Foley, ref'n'd	64.27
Walter W. Foster, plumbing license .....	.50
Gale Memorial Library, labor	11.73
Romeo Garneau, sewer connection and permit	63.48
Gas Service Inc., labor and material	26.42
Henry Gaudette, casting	22.50
Harry Gazonsky, junk	3.50
Joseph Gazonsky, junk	9.00
Eugene Gilbert, sewer connection	18.77
Fredrick Gilbert, sewer connection and permit	54.10
Henry Gilbert, salt	19.80
Rene Gilbert, sewer and drain connections and permit	109.12
Wilfred J. Gilbert, sewer connections & permits, use of equipment	825.09
Simon Gill, plumbing licenses	2.00

William Gordon, labor and equipment	66.27
Romeo Gouin, plumbing licenses	1.00
Charles Gove, labor	2.95
Granite State Bag Corp., bags	1.12
Guay & Tardiff, sewer connection	45.76
Frank Guba, plumbing licenses	1.00
Clarence E. Guenette, plumbing licenses and examination	3.00
Walter Harkins, labor	12.42
Loran D. Harvey, plumbing license .....	.50
Nealien Haynes, sewer connection and permit	73.19
Herman Huckins, asphalt	9.08
Eugene Jacques, sewer connection and permit	62.39
Carl Jewett, sewer connection and permit	67.79
Harold E. Johnson, material .....	.85
Lucien Keroack, plumbing licenses	2.00
Ben Korn, junk	8.50
Joseph Labbe, labor and material	185.06
Albert LaBranche, plumbing license .....	.50
Lea LaBranche, plumbing license and examination	2.00
Leon LaBranche, plumbing license .....	.50
Laconia Airport Authority, labor, material and equipment	1,338.75
Laconia French Dyeing Co., labor	47.09
Laconia Savings Bank, labor	10.19
City of Laconia (Board of Assessors), labor	19.55
City of Laconia (Cemetery Association), labor	45.45
City of Laconia (Fire Dept.), labor, truck parts, gasoline	81.13
City of Laconia (Health Dept.), gasoline	19.31
City of Laconia (Misel. Acct.), labor and material	2,100.39
City of Laconia (Park Dept.), labor and material	3,782.86
City of Laconia (Police Dept.), gasoline	37.93
City of Laconia (Tree Dept.), labor	51.75
Laconia Water Co., labor and material	72.77
Alphonse J. Landry, plumbing licenses	1.00
Arthur Landry, plumbing license .....	.50
Raymond Landry, plumbing licenses	1.00
Lionel LaPointe, plumbing licenses	1.00
Lucien LaPointe, plumbing license .....	.50
Edward LaRoche, sewer connection and permit	71.95
Kenneth LeGrice, sewer permit	5.00
C. A. Lund & Co., material	1.50
Frank T. Monahan, material	25.55
Stanley Monroe, plumbing license .....	.50
John E. Mont, sewer connection and permit	75.10
Eugene Morin, sewer connection and permit	79.84
J. J. Morin, Inc., material	20.80
Norman Morin, labor and equipment	6.00
Moor Motors, drain connection	78.32
Mrs. Helen Muzzey, sewer connection	44.55
Arthur Neault, sewer permit	5.00
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co., labor	16.17
Stewart Noyes, plumbing licenses	1.00
Hubert P. O'Connor, labor	3.66
Thomas N. O'Mara, plumbing licenses	1.00
Our Lady Of The Lakes Church, sewer connection	165.57
Raymond Paquette, sewer connection	161.52

Verne Pearson, labor.....	29.26
Frank Piche, labor and material	138.62
George Poire, plumbing licenses	1.00
Harry Raymo, labor and material	17.62
Timothy P. Reidy, plumbing licenses	1.00
Philip Roux, sewer connection and permit	60.04
Raymond L. Roux, sewer connection and permit	107.62
Sanel Auto Parts Inc., labor and material	164.82
Rev. John W. Sliney, labor and material	288.65
Mrs. C. L. Smart, labor	1.00
John Smith, insurance	6.00
Madeline & Bernard Smith, labor and material	65.00
Romulus Snow, plumbing license and examination	2.00
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., credit on drums	20.00
State of New Hampshire, gas tax refund	779.92
State of New Hampshire Highway Dept., labor	8.10
State of New Hampshire, T. R. A.	629.83
Stewart Express, refund	1.40
Philip St. Laurent, sewer connection and permit	66.19
Rex Swain, plumbing licenses	1.00
Archie Tardiff, cold patch	3.33
Lawrence Trottier, sewer connection and permit	48.05
George Valliere, plumbing license .....	.50
J. H. Valliere Co., labor and material	94.17
Howard Wagner, sewer connection and permit	137.17
B. G. Walker, sewer connection, permit and plumbing licenses	95.22
Howard Walker, plumbing licenses and examination	3.50
Victor Walker, plumbing licenses	1.50
Harold E. Wescott, labor and material	71.65
William H. Wescott, labor and material	74.18
Williard L. Whitcomb, sewer connection and permit	33.90
Leon Whitten, sewer connection and permit	103.38
John R. Wood, plumbing licenses	1.50

\$256,995.74

PAID AS FOLLOWS

Aldrich Studio, films	1.87
American Public Works Association, specifications	14.50
American Society of Mechanical Engineers, plumbing code	2.00
Amsterdam Printing & Litho Co., tax forms	46.94
Auclair Transportation, Inc., express charges	2.60
S. F. Baker, galvanized metal	15.24
Bigelow Waste Co., waste	45.74
W. M. Bisson & Son, reinforcing rods	35.05
Boston Blue Print Co., tracing cloth and printing	128.77
Boston & Maine R.R., freight	2,136.91
Belknap Tire Company, recapping tires	27.43
H. Bickford & Co., machine work	4.50
The Boulia-Gorrell Lumber Co., cement, lumber	271.09
Nathan Brody, M.D., medical services	13.00
Brown Company, chlorine	120.75
Buff & Buff Mfg. Co., part for transit	1.34
Building Officials Foundation, subscription	5.00

Burroughs Adding Machine Co., machine repair and paper	25.32
Charles Burt, hay	36.34
Byse Insurance Agency, insurance premiums	919.40
Cantin Chevrolet Co., parts	145.40
Carignan Bros., parts	19.25
Carrier & Mattie Co. Inc., truck parts	90.68
Cassellini-Venable Corp., tractor bull dozer and parts	1,798.16
Champoux Machine Co., machine work	90.25
Chicago Pump Co., switches	10.93
The Citizen Publishing Co., printing	78.95
The Clairmont Agency, insurance premium	106.00
Concord Foundry & Machine Co., castings	1,231.08
Cook's Lumber Co., lumber and cement	328.36
J. C. Corrigan Co. Inc., belt loader parts	64.89
Cyclone Fence Division, fencing	22.56
Depot Sq. Auto Supply Co., grease, tire repairs	38.43
The Diamond Match Co., lumber, cement, pipe	754.33
Dick's Texaco Service, batteries, tires	77.45
Eugene Dietzgen Co., drafting material	34.60
Duracrete Block Co., blocks	1,043.33
Peter Dutil, coal, oil	495.58
Engineering News-Record, subscription	12.00
Everett's Broom & Service Co., broom refilled	68.95
Earl Emmons Motor Mart, gasoline	1.32
J. E. Faltin, express charges	4.90
Frank W. Foley & Son, gasoline, fuel oil, anti-freeze	1,584.61
Francoeur-Gill Company, pipe	5.55
The Fuller Brush Company, brooms	71.29
Gardner Fuel Service, fuel oil	18.40
Gar Wood Industries, Inc., parts for load packer	138.65
Wilfred Gilbert, hay	326.23
Mrs. Robert Glines, hay	57.15
Mrs. Yvonne Gonyer, gravel	100.90
W. S. Goodrich, sewer brick	1,314.00
Goodwin Paper Company, towel cabinet, paper	21.30
Charles J. Goss, grain	312.89
Charles A. Gove, electrical work	134.89
Granite State Asphalt Products Co. Inc.	79.97
Granite State Motors, truck parts	57.09
Ernest W. Graupner, catch basin castings	222.00
Globe Rubber Works, Inc., hose	23.70
Greenlawn Kennels, medical treatment for horses	31.00
John M. Guay Hdwe. Co., hardware	9.22
Guay & Tardif Co., reinforcing mesh	56.99
B. T. Hardy, blacksmithing	133.50
R. G. Hazelton, rams and blades	285.94
George A. Head, electrical work	1,841.11
Hedge & Mattheis Company, mixer parts, shovels	253.28
Hercules-Campbell Body Co., cable	4.56
Homelite Corp., pump parts	74.23
Hopkins & Barlow. Inc., hardware	194.86
Howell Business Service, deed forms	6.50
Normand Hubbard, transporting horses	12.00
W. D. Huse & Co. Inc., steel, nuts, hose, screws	65.87

W. D. Huse & Sons, steel, machine work	38.20
International Salt Company, salt	3,072.60
Jenney Mfg. Company, grease	5.00
A. A. Jewett & Son, oil	137.39
Jones Express, express charges	20.18
Kee Lox Mfg. Co., carbon paper	10.25
Kaulback's Foundry, castings	400.13
Kelly's Army & Navy Store, raincoats	12.00
L. S. Keroack, labor	26.05
Klauer Mfg. Co., Sno-go parts	74.77
Joseph Lacasse, loam	912.00
Lacey's Tire Service, tires	73.32
Laconia Auto Wrecking Co., gears	2.00
Laconia Awning & Glass Co., repair work	61.60
Laconia Bakery Co., pails .....	.90
Laconia Clinic, medical services	66.00
Laconia Hardware Co., hardware supplies	122.18
Laconia Laboratories, roach spray	40.42
Laconia Malleable Iron Co. Inc., asphalt roller	114.42
Laconia Milling Corp., lumber	1,097.00
Laconia Tire Co., recapping	44.17
Laconia Water Company, water	388.67
Laconia Welding Service, welding	358.04
Lakes Region Feed & Supply Co., grain, cement	1,212.34
Elodore Larrivee, dump rental	200.04
The Joseph Lay Co., street brooms	102.02
Lenker Mfg. Company, lenker rods	23.50
Lougee-Robinson Company, pails, chairs, paint brushes	110.25
Edward L. Lydiard, Inc.	307.85
The Lynn Sand & Stone Company, stone	304.78
Frank Magoon, blacksmithing	113.50
Maher's Bookstore, office supplies	213.72
B. L. Makepeace, Inc., drafting supplies	404.11
Manchester Sand & Gravel Company, asphalt, stone	11,334.93
Johns-Manville Corp., transite pipe	556.24
Emile Marcotte	145.95
Charles J. McCarthy, pump parts	7.52
J. F. McDermott Co., sewer rods	14.52
The Melcher Prescott Agency, insurance premiums	101.00
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Inc.	971.39
Moody Motor Sales & Service, truck parts	292.00
J. J. Moreau & Sons, wire, shovels	252.90
John B. Morin, Agency, insurance premiums	203.12
J. J. Morin, Inc., lead wool	29.05
Norman Morin, dump rental	313.00
Mosley's Motor Express, express charges	11.28
Munsey & Brazil, insurance premiums	89.60
Murray Machinery Company, machine parts	141.52
Mystic Bituminous Products Co., asphalt	15,231.52
National Academy of Sciences, subscription	3.00
New England Metal Culvert Company, pipe	332.31
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Company, telephone service	499.79
N. H. Explosives & Machinery Co. Inc., gaskets .....	.64
Northern Heating & Plumbing Co. Inc., labor, pipe	169.84

Novicki Signs, lettering trucks	48.00
G. E. Noyes, recapping tires	157.11
John O'Connor, stone	19.61
Thomas N. O'Mara, plumbing work	635.34
Palmer Plumbing Supply Company, pipe	479.47
Palmer Simpson Company, wash powder	8.25
Alcide Paquette, hardware supplies, paint	30.41
Pellissier's Luggage Store, harness repairs	56.85
L. M. Pike & Sons, asphalt work	3,360.28
J. P. Pitman & Company, hardware supplies	33.18
Portland Stone Ware Company, pipe	4,017.41
Prescott's Flower Store, planting shrubs, trees	185.00
Public Administration Services, records	1.00
Public Service Co. of N. H., light and power	262.59
Norman Pynn, truck parts and labor	674.85
Norman Prescott Randlett, blueprinting	11.60
Charles P. Raymond, deeds	79.00
Recordak Corp., microfilming	240.89
Charles C. Rogers Co. Inc., chair and office supplies	38.20
Ronald's Filling Station, tires	208.12
Sol. Rosen, hose, solvent	26.65
Ross Express, express charges	3.27
Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc., steel	51.23
Sanborn Map Company, map	56.00
Sanel Auto Parts, Inc., truck parts and equipment	3,090.42
Scott Machinery, Inc., grader parts	388.48
Scott & Williams, drafting table	35.00
Sewage Works Engineering, subscription	3.00
Shell Oil Company, oil	235.30
Wm. S. Simpson, expansion joint material	36.00
R. H. Smith, acetylene	44.46
Smith Lumber Company, lumber	38.81
Snap-On Tools Corp., garage equipment	230.26
Socony Paint Products, paint	854.00
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., diesel fuel	82.04
L. Sonneborn Sons, Inc., hydrocide	175.23
Spaulding-Moss Co., drafting supplies	27.84
Standard Sign & Signal Co. Inc., dead end street signs	49.74
State Health Department, orthotolidine	1.60
Treasurer, State of N. H., T. R. A. payment	1,024.99
Dr. Karl A. Steady, medical service	6.00
R. B. Stewart Motor Transportation Co., express charges	4.10
Story Drug Store, medical supplies	11.55
C. H. Swain, hay	51.45
John Swenson Granite Co. Inc., granite	45.30
Roy Tardy, hay	94.01
Tarlson's General Store, scythe stones	1.15
Harold E. Tefft, asphalt, stone	2,524.13
Thompson & Hoague Co., steel, horseshoes	125.73
Tide Water Associated Oil Co., gasoline, oil	3,900.48
Toby's Auto Body Shop, repairs	7.00
Trimount Bituminous Products Co., asphalt	584.35
O. H. Turgeon, sheet metal work	18.57
Tyler Sign Co., signs	206.44
U. C. Lite Mfg. Co., battery	16.00

J. H. Valliere Co., labor and materials	101.09
John B. Varick Co., steel, bars, shovels, fence	398.86
Waldo Bros. Co., sand screens, sewer rods	85.38
B. G. Walker, plumbing and heating	1,897.48
Warren's Express, express charges	4.02
H. F. Webber, rags	3.00
F. M. Weeks & Sons, dynamite, exploders	60.38
H. P. Welch Co., express charges	4.15
Carroll A. Wells, street signs	30.75
Bud Whitehouse, stone	87.01
Willey's Express, express charges	87.89
Williams Motor Co., truck parts	62.05
Winnipesaukee Water Co., water	80.35
Woodward's Garage, labor and truck parts	230.84
Joseph Zeeberg, wiping rags	4.50
Payrolls	141,042.71
Unexpended balance, Shore Drive Extension (Grading)	4,677.13
Unexpended balance, Microfilming Records	180.27
Unexpended balance from Bond Issue Projects	11,276.82
Unexpended balance transferred to excess and deficiency acct.	13,498.56
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	\$256,995.74

PLANNING

HAVEN E. FLANDERS, *Chairman*

NORMAN P. RANDLETT

ALBERT J. BOUDREAU

HOWARD O. DECOSTER

WILLIAM W. KELLER

WILLARD G. MARTIN

Ex-Officio

THOMAS J. MCINTYRE, *Mayor*

ARMAND O. ROUX, *Councilman*

ARNOLD J. O'MARA, *City Engineer*

The Planning Board:

During the past year the Planning Board has held 17 regular meetings and several informal conferences. Mr. Norman P. Randlett was reappointed to the Board for a six-year term and Mr. Howard O. DeCoster was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. F. A. Normandin by Mayor McIntyre. Mr. Haven E. Flanders served as Chairman of the Board.

The following is a report of activities during the past year and an estimate of work for the coming year as required by the Budget Control Ordinance of December 1948:

Tax Map Study: As requested by the December 1948 meeting of City Council, the Board made a study of the tax map project and recommended that additional funds be appropriated if necessary to complete the maps as soon as possible. This and the recommendation that the maps and inventory system be revised and simplified were accepted and the

City Engineer's office charged with responsibility for completing the project. The Board feels that Mr. O'Mara and his staff should be congratulated for completing the maps and doing an excellent job. The completed map is a distinct asset and is proving its value daily.

Microfilming: The Board was also requested last year to make a study of the possibility of micro-filming certain records. Micro-filming is a method of photographing records to conserve space and to have a duplicate set in case of destruction or loss. The Board recommended that all important records be microfilmed and that in addition a vault be constructed for the City Engineer's office to protect records and maps in case of fire. The recommendation that records be microfilmed was accepted and that project is now underway. Arrangements have been made to store the film in the Court House.

Airline Service: The preceding City Council had directed the Board to cooperate with the City Solicitor in preparing information for the New England case before the Civil Aeronautics Board in an effort to have Laconia airport certificated for scheduled airline service. The Planning Director appeared before the C.A.B. examiner in Boston with special Counsellor Thomas P. Cheney. The Examiner, in his report, reversed the finding of the previous case and recommended that Laconia be certificated for airline service, but the Civil Aeronautics

Board has not made a decision to date.

Land Use Plan: In the ordinance setting up the Board, it is a requirement that a plan for the orderly development of the City be prepared. Time permitting, the Board has done some work on a land use plan as the first step to a comprehensive plan. It has tried, as much as possible, to relate current studies to a long-range approach. The Planning Director is assembling as much information as possible. In cooperation with the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, for example, he has assembled enough information to determine the boundaries of the City's retail marketing area, which will be of assistance in making a plan of major streets and highway. The information he has collected on manufacturing activity, such as employment and unemployment data, was of considerable assistance to the Mayor's Committee on Unemployment. The Board feels that although the Land Use Plan is not complete, there are several conditions that should be brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council.

The first of these is the matter of shade trees on our streets. For several years, shade trees have been removed, but practically none have been replanted. In Laconia particularly, where we have a reputation as a fine City in which to live, shade trees are an invaluable asset, and the City should consider an annual program of shade tree planting. The cost is not great in relation to the return.

The second of these is the problem of traffic.

The recommendations are in the complete report of the Board submitted to the Mayor and Council.

There is need of considerable study of the whole problem of traffic and parking, particularly in the downtown area, for the safety and convenience of the automobile driver is increasingly important to the economic well being of the community.

Sewage Disposal Plant Financing Study: A substantial part of the year has been spent in studying ways and means of financing the proposed sewage disposal plants. In this study the Board was advised and assisted by Mr. Charles Stafford, Mr. John McIntyre, Mr. Paul Kinney and Mr. Theodore Cate. In the report, the Board recommended that if a sewer rental system is set up to amortize the sewage disposal plants the rates be set according to the metered water consumption as the most equitable rate structure within the administrative possibilities of the city.

Copies of the report are available in the offices of the Planning Board.

Central Purchasing: At the request of Mayor McIntyre the Board made a study of the need of purchasing control. The study has been completed and transmitted to the Mayor and Council. In its report the Board recommended that at least the city should set up a requisition system for making purchases and should set up a system of budget encumbrance.

Copies of this report are available at the offices of the Planning Board.

The Coming Year

There are underway at the present time two studies which have been requested by the Mayor and Council. The first of these is of the possibility of taking advantage of Federal aid for redevelopment of run down areas of the City. Under this law (the 1949 Housing and Redevelopment Bill) it is possible to make certain needed improvements in the City with financial assistance from the Federal Government. This report will be transmitted to the City Council in March.

The second study requested is on the possibility of having aerial maps of the City. This report should be in the hands of the Mayor and Council by April.

Land Use Plan: It is hoped that during the coming year a land use plan of the City will be completed. As a result of adequate land use planning for the City of Concord, the Concord Daily Monitor said in an editorial last July, "The result (a land use study and street plan) has been a more economical city government, and a lower tax rate than otherwise would have

prevailed." Similar results for this City are the objectives of the Board in its work. Generally, sound land use planning does not mean any great disruption of existing conditions but is, rather, an attempt to define municipal policy regarding future growth and change in the City so that the provision of services will be as efficient and economical as possible. For example, it costs the City of Laconia approximately \$1.80 per foot of approximately forty miles of City streets to pay for the costs of Board of Public Works, hydrant service, and street lighting alone. Yet, there are hundreds of vacant lots on streets which provide these city services and which do not bring in, in taxes, their share of the cost of these items. To prevent this situation from becoming worse, the City should not accept new streets, or provide services for them, without proof that within a reasonable length of time these new streets will be paying their own way.

At the same time, the City should explore the possibility of extending services into some areas to encourage sound residential, business, and industrial development.

PLANNING BOARD

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 5,113.00
Revenue—Telephone call .....	.20
Total Receipts	\$ 5,113.20

EXPENDITURES

Equipment	\$ 32.90
Printing and Copy	214.00

Salary—Clerical	395.20
Salary—Director	3,640.00
Supplies	156.83
Telephone, Postage and Contingencies	172.97
Travel	320.20
Transfer to City Officers' Expense—Supplies, Equipment, etc.	150.00
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	31.10
 Total Expenditures	 \$ 5,113.20

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

RECEIPTS

Hearing Fees—13 @ \$10.00	\$ 130.00
Refund—Citizen Publishing Company	2.75
Transfer from Unappropriated Surplus	52.45
 \$ 185.20	 \$ 185.20

EXPENDITURES

Citizen Publishing Company—notices of hearings to be held before board	\$ 155.62
Pictures relative to zoning hearings	15.68
Registered mail	13.90
 \$ 185.20	 \$ 185.20

CITY CLERK

CHAS. E. LORD, *City Clerk*
THEODORE C. GREENE, *Fiscal Officer*
ETHEL ALDRICH, *Typist-Clerk*
MAUDE LEMERE, *Typist-Clerk*

The City Council:

The City Council held the regularly scheduled thirteen meetings of the year and were in session for four special meetings. Some of the subjects of these meetings were matters concerning fire insurance under a single policy on all city-owned property, the fire department reorganization, Sandy Beach, public comfort station, zoning, unemployment, additional land for Tardif Park, State audit of city finances, the Laconia Hospital, a bicycle ordinance, city charter revision, city dump, revaluation of assessed property, sewage treatment, and the usual receipt of trust funds for care of cemetery lots, petitions for street lights, sidewalks, surface drains and highways. In addition several hearings were held on petitions to accept highways or extension of highways, the city's annual budget, zoning amendments and to consider closing the Mill Street bridge.

The ordinances and resolutions passed by the Mayor and Council are to be found in this report.

Vital Statistics:

The primary function of the registration of births, marriages and deaths is to obtain and pre-

serve such documentary evidence as is necessary to protect the legal rights of the individual. An appreciation of this value of registration to the individual is essential to an understanding of the need for careful and accurate recording of these matters. In recent years vital statistic records have become increasingly important documents upon which the beneficiaries of social legislation, such as unemployment insurance or old-age assistance must rely. In addition, the gathering of vital statistics is an important contribution to public health, medical science and other social fields. The recording of vital statistics is a constant and increasing duty of the City Clerk's Office.

Once each month, true copies of all the vital statistic reports, submitted by doctors and ministers, are sent to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics at the State House in Concord. This means that these records are permanently recorded in Laconia and in Concord and so are doubly safe-guarded against loss. A copy of the birth certificate is also sent to the mother of the new-born babe for a final check as to the accuracy of the various items recorded. Another copy is sent to the city or town clerk if residence of mother is outside of Laconia. Also copies are sent to registrars of death and marriage records if any of the parties live outside of Laconia.

The fee for a certified copy of a birth, marriage or death is fifty cents, which is retained by the City. For copies for the Veterans

Administration there is no fee. Hundreds of these have been issued to veterans for many purposes.

Agreeably with Chapter 41 of the New Hampshire Laws of 1939, the publication of the list of births, marriages and deaths have been omitted. Information relative to these records are always available at the City Clerk's Office in Laconia or at the office of the Registrar of Vital Statistics, State House, Concord.

VITAL STATISTICS 1949

Number of Births	645
Still Births	9
Total	654

Parents living:	
Alexandria	2
Alton	1
Andover	2
Ashland	5
Belmont	46
Bristol	5
Canterbury	1
Center Harbor	13
Chocorua	1
Concord	1
Farmington	1
Franklin	15
Gilford	26
Gilmanton	11
Hartford, Conn.	1
Laconia	353
Lincoln	1
Loudon	6
Manchester	1
Meredith	61
Moultonboro	11
New Hampton	4
Northfield	13
Ossipee	3
Plymouth	2
Portsmouth	1
Rouses Pt., N. Y.	1
Salisbury	1
Sanbornton	18

Sandwich	11
Syracuse, N. Y.	1
Tamworth	3
Tilton	21
Vin'yd' Haven, Mass.	1
Wollaston, Mass.	1
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	645
Marriages	144
Deaths	
Deaths	256
Occurring at Bel- knap County Home	2
Veterans bodies brought to La- conia for burial....	5
Bodies brought to Laconia for burial	69
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Total	332

Fiscal Officer

The new budgetary control system completed its first year's operation to the complete satisfaction of department heads, the accounting department, the City Auditor and the Mayor and Council. This accounting procedure provides a constant and detailed picture of receipts and expenditures of the city's finances.

A study of the accounts will show that the estimated receipts were exceeded and the city ended the year with a sizable surplus.

A constant check on departmental expenditures under the budget control system provided a control over the allotted funds preventing possible overdrafts which would decrease unappropriated surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

The opportunity for accounting by item breakdown has given the city clerk's office a clearer picture

of the expenditures of departments, has provided valuable information for comparison uses, and has given the administration greater statistical data which has been a help in evaluating various city problems.

Revenues

The following is an account of the money that the City Clerk has received for the City for the fiscal year February 15, 1949 to February 15, 1950, and the sources from which it was received:

Assessors' Office	\$ 1.20
City Officers' Expense	159.32
City Hall Maintenance	10.00
Elections	10.00
 Fees:	
Certificates	\$ 149.25
Recording and Discharging	1,256.20
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	1,405.45
Fire Department	2,265.96
Gilford Street Lighting	55.00
Health Department	536.06
Leavitt Fund	744.92
 Licenses:	
Bicycle	174.50
Bowling Alleys	389.00
Junk Dealers	50.00
Marriage	262.00
Milk	234.00
Pool	120.00
Taxicab	190.00
Theater	681.25
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	2,100.75
Dog Licenses	2,316.90
Miscellaneous	43.20
Moth and Forestry	7.50
Motor Vehicles—1948	27.51
Motor Vehicles—1949	28,757.96
Motor Vehicles—1950	7,527.75
Municipal Court	16,416.48
Parking Meters	27,340.35
Parks and Playgrounds—General	483.94
Parks and Playgrounds—Athletic	367.49
Planning Board .....	.20
Police Department	228.40
Property Acquired by Tax Deed—Sold	1,268.43
Property Acquired by Tax Title	41.10
Refunds	2.30
 Schools:	
1948-49 School Year	34,600.21
1949-50 School year	10,578.08
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	45,178.29

'Support of Poor	1,607.69
Tax Collector	149.40
Trust Funds	7,484.67
Weirs Development	2,702.94
Zoning Board of Adjustment	132.75

	\$149,373.91
Remitted to City Treasurer	\$149,373.91

CITY OFFICERS' EXPENSE

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 7,905.00
Revenue	135.82
Transfer from Planning Board	150.00

Total Receipts	\$ 8,190.82

EXPENDITURES

Burying Dead Animals	\$ 734.33
City Directories	32.50
City Report	2,051.98
Flowers	57.00
Insurance	321.35
Supplies, Equipment, etc.	4,213.97
Taxes—Gilford Sandbank	29.60
Telephone	297.89
Travel	208.60
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	243.60

Total Expenditures	\$ 8,190.82

CITY HALL MAINTENANCE

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 5,875.60
Revenue—Sale of Supplies	10.00

Total Receipts	\$ 5,885.60

EXPENDITURES

Equipment	\$ 207.95
Fuel	1,254.18
Insurance	63.00
Labor and Materials	669.43
Lakeport Clock	167.55
Light and Power	708.19
Salary—Janitor	2,095.60
Supplies	410.42
Salary—Custodian	200.00
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	109.28

Total Expenditures	\$ 5,885.60

BELKNAP COUNTY TAX

RECEIPTS	
Budget Appropriation	\$61,200.42
EXPENDITURES	
County Treasurer	\$61,200.00

ELECTIONS

RECEIPTS	
Budget Appropriation	\$ 1,350.00
EXPENDITURES	
Labor and Materials	\$ 9.75
Light and Power	12.00
Meals—Ward Officers'	165.91
Printing	132.94
Rent	65.00
Salaries—Ward Officers'	896.00
Supplies	22.05
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	46.35
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	\$ 1,350.00

LAKES REGION DEVELOPMENT

RECEIPTS	
Budget Appropriation	\$ 900.00
EXPENDITURES	
Harold H. Hart, Secretary of the Association	\$ 900.00

LACONIA HOSPITAL

RECEIPTS	
Budget Appropriation	\$30,000.00
EXPENDITURES	
Laconia Hospital	\$30,000.00

PUBLIC WHARVES — LAKEPORT

RECEIPTS	
Budget Appropriation	\$ 200.00
EXPENDITURES	
Rent of Lakeport wharf	\$ 200.00

HISTORY OF LACONIA

RECEIPTS	
Balance 2/15 49	\$ 2,000.00
EXPENDITURES	
Balance 2/15/50	\$ 2,000.00

LACONIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY

RECEIPTS	
Balance 2/15 49	\$ 3,500.00

EXPENDITURES

Laconia Airport Authority in connection with federal grant	\$ 3,500.00
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SALARIES**RECEIPTS**

Budget Appropriation	\$25,810.00
Transfer from Unappropriated Surplus	418.24
Total Receipts	\$26,228.24

EXPENDITURES

Mayor	\$ 500.00
Councilmen (6)	600.00
City Clerk	3,250.02
Clerical Assistance	5,440.24
City Auditor	900.00
City Fiscal Officer	1,820.00
City Physician	500.00
City Solicitor	1,100.00
City Treasurer	1,150.00
City Sealer of Weights and Measures	600.00
Public Works Board (3)	300.00
Trustee of Trust Funds, Secretary-Treasurer for 1949 and 1950 fiscal years	800.00
State of New Hampshire Retirement Plan	9,267.98
 Total Expenditures	 \$26,228.24

STREET LIGHTING**RECEIPTS**

Budget Appropriation	\$22,000.00
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EXPENDITURES

Public Service Co.	\$21,419.89
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	580.11
 Total Expenditures	 \$22,000.00

VITAL STATISTICS**RECEIPTS**

Budget Appropriation	\$ 300.00
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EXPENDITURES

Clergymans' Payroll	\$ 31.25
Physicians' Payroll	225.25
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	43.50
 Total	 \$ 300.00

CHAPMAN--GILMAN SANDBANK**RECEIPTS**

Balance 2/15 49	\$ 1,600.00
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EXPENDITURES

Purchase price for Chapman-Gilman Sandbank	\$ 1,600.00
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SUMMARY OF PARKING METERS—1949

REVENUE:

Revenue from meters	\$ 26,840.35
Transfer in—Unappropriated Surplus—Parking	
Meter Fund	111.04
Total	<u>\$ 26,951.39</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Collection Expense—Ted Greene	\$ 1,040.00
Labor & Materials:	
Grading Theater Lot	30.28
Lighting Water St. Area	45.00
	<u>76.28</u>
Laconia National Bank—Counting Coin	312.57
Public Service Co.—Lighting Parking Lots:	
Baldi Lot	54.80
City Hall Area	365.62
Theater Lot	199.12
Water St. Area	18.59
	<u>638.19</u>
Supplies for Lighting Parking Lots	61.00
Rent—Parking Areas:	
Agnew Lot	75.00
Ballou Lot at Weirs	500.00
Baldi Lot	500.00
	<u>1,075.00</u>
Duncan Meter Co.—Payment on meters	13,670.15
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 16,873.19</u>
Balance of Account	<u>\$ 10,078.20</u>

SUMMARY

Estimated Revenue	\$ 13,000.00
Actual Revenue	10,078.20
Balance from E. & D.	\$ 2,921.80

WEIRS DEVELOPMENT

1949

REVENUE:

Appropriation	\$ 500.00
Weirs Pay Toilets	673.53
Armstrong Company Concession	1,679.41
Rent—Weirs Seaplane Base	350.00
Total Appropriation & Receipts	<u>\$ 3,202.94</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Boardwalk Expense	\$ 1,001.39
Insurance	141.76
Labor & Materials—painting wharfs	608.00
Public Service Co.	204.06

Salary—Janitor	675.00
Supplies	242.33
Water	110.34
American Coin Lock Co.—Pay Toilets	202.06
 Total Expenditures	 \$ 3,184.94
 Balance of Account	 18.00

SUMMARY

	Receipts	Expended
1947	\$ 2,302.89	\$ 3,100.66
1948	2,694.06	2,658.17*
1949	2,702.94	3,184.94

* Does not include Capital Improvements

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Conventions

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 650.00
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EXPENDITURES

United Spanish War Veterans, part convention expenses	\$ 250.00
Veterans of Foreign Wars, part expenses for reunion	400.00
 \$ 650.00	

Memorial Day

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 300.00
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EXPENDITURES

Allied Veteran's Council	\$ 300.00
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Spanish War Veterans Memorial

RECEIPTS

Balance 2 15/49	\$ 800.00
Transfer from Unappropriated Surplus	82.03

Total Expenditures	\$ 882.03
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EXPENDITURES

Cast Bronze Tablet	\$ 396.00
Erection of Concord granite Boulder War Memorial on library lawn	400.00
Installation of a walkway from sidewalk to memorial	86.03
 \$882.03	

4th July Celebration

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 990.00
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EXPENDITURES

Band Concert	\$ 90.00
Freight charges	11.37
Interstate Fireworks Manufacturing Co.	750.00
Labor and Materials	85.69
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	52.94
 Total Expenditures	\$ 990.00

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED REVENUE ACCOUNTS — 1949

February 15, 1950

Account	Estimated	Actual	Increase	Decrease
Interest & Dividends Tax	17,768.81	17,941.87	173.06	
Railroad Tax	1,400.00	1,327.45		72.55
Savings Bank Tax	7,250.00	7,150.18		99.82
Motor Vehicle Permit—49	25,000.00	35,600.48	10,600.48	
Licenses	1,500.00	1,978.75	478.75	
Fees	1,100.00	1,405.45	305.45	
Interest on Taxes	2,500.00	4,273.93	1,773.93	
Parking Meters	13,000.00	9,967.16		3,032.84
Excess & Deficiency	15,000.00	15,000.00		
Athletic Floodlights	1,000.00	367.49		632.51
Health Department	500.00	506.25	6.25	
Municipal Court	3,500.00	5,280.18	1,780.18	
Tax Collector's Fees	200.00	651.88	451.88	
 Less E&D figure	89,718.81	101,451.07	15,569.98	3,837.72
	15,000.00	15,000.00		
	74,718.81	86,451.07	11,732.26	
 National Bank Stock	1,898.65	1,898.65		
Poll Taxes	12,892.00	13,398.00	506.00—added	

DOG LICENSES

RECEIPTS

Received for dog licenses	\$ 2,316.90
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EXPENDITURES

Cost of hens killed by dogs (3)	\$ 7.50
Cost of rabbits killed by dogs (2)	7.00
Clerical Assistance	42.00
Dog Tags—300	20.01
Dog Officer	150.00
Postage	26.00
Printing	29.80
Supplies	16.79
Refund on Dog Tax	2.00
Transfer to Assessors—Equipment	5.20
Transfer to Schools	2,010.60
 Total Expenditures	\$ 2,316.90

MOTOR VEHICLES

1948

RECEIPTS

Received for 1948 permits during the year	\$ 27.51
Transfer from Unappropriated Surplus	42.74
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	\$ 70.25

EXPENDITURES

Refund on bus	\$ 70.25
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1949

RECEIPTS

Received for 1949 permits during the year	\$ 28,757.96
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Balance Feb. 15, 1949	6,935.21

Total Receipts	\$ 35,693.17
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EXPENDITURES

Estimated Revenue Account	\$ 25,000.00
Refunds	92.69
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	10,600.48
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Total Expenditures	\$ 35,693.17

1950

RECEIPTS

Received for 1950 permits during the year	\$ 7,527.75
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EXPENDITURES

Balance, liability Feb. 15, 1950	\$ 7,527.75
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Trustees of Trust Funds

KENNETH D. HOPKINS, *Chairman*
LAURETTE B. JOHNSON
FRANK D. BRISSE

Your trustees at this time wish to call to the attention of those who are contemplating the creation of a trust fund for the perpetual care of any cemetery lot, that rising cost of care and maintenance, and the more or less small return on savings bank deposit do not permit the adequate maintenance under a fund of less than \$200.

Nearly all the superintendents of our cemeteries do more toward the care of lots than the income from the trust fund permits. Your consideration in the increase of proposed trust funds to at least an amount of \$200, and where possible, an increase in the existing trust fund will be most desirable to provide more adequate maintenance.

It is most fitting at this time for trustees to extend sincere thanks to the various officials of our cemeteries for their valued cooperation and understanding during the past year. This period occasioned the appointment of two new members to this board of three, and the election of a new secretary-treasurer. This cooperation and understanding was therefore greatly needed. Its chairman and members therefore wish to express their deepest appreciation to the various city and cemetery officials.

Your trustees have and will carefully consider any necessary work to be done on cemetery lots, but can not authorize any maintenance beyond the point where funds do not permit.

Suggestion and criticism are always welcomed.

KENNETH D. HOPKINS, *Chairman*
Trustees of Trust Funds

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF CEMETERIES February 15, 1950

Deposits in Savings Banks	\$95,169.56
Plus — Water Stock	100.00
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	\$95,269.56
Balance on hand 2/15/50	4,344.63
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	\$99,614.19

Unexpended Balance 2/15/49	4,131.93
Plus Interest Received during the year	2,300.90
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Less Interest Expended during the year	\$ 6,432.83
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Balance on hand 2/15 50	2,088.20
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	\$ 4,344.63

PRINCIPAL

Trust Funds on hand 2/15/49	\$87,089.27
Water Stock	10 .00
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	\$87,789.27
Plus Trust Funds received during the year	7,480.29
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	\$95,269.56

New Trust Funds Established During Year Ending 2/15/50

Baldwin, Carrie	\$100.00
Beauchemin, Mrs. Pierre Laurent	150.00
Belisle, Horace E.	300.00
Blake, William	150.00
Bolduc, Woodrow G.	150.00
Bourgault, Edmond	150.00
Burpee, Rose & Myra	150.00
Cantin, J. Willie	150.00
Carrier, Joseph & Arthur Turgeon	350.00
Collins, George A.	300.00
Dutile, Delphis	150.00
Dutile, Homer	150.00
Dutrizac, Albert R.	150.00
Evans-Richardson	300.00
Fecteau, Archille	200.00
Frechette, Aura	200.00
Gilbert, Wilfred	150.00
Grant, Harvey W.	200.00
Guay, John M.	209.00
Jacques, Henry J.	75.00
Lacroix, Marion	75.00
Laroche, Lebel	250.00
Loiselle, Rose M.	75.00
Lovett, Ellen J.	305.29
Marcotte, Emile	150.00
McMurphy, Mary Alice	100.00
Mooney, Agnes B.	200.00
Morin, Aime H.	150.00
Morin, Alphonse J.	150.00
Morrow, Ruth Bossom	200.00
Nedeau, Peter	200.00
Noel, Alfred & Odelia	100.00
Papienuk, Joseph	200.00
Pomerleau, Alfred T.	225.00
Ramsey, Elmer J.	200.00
Roux, Pierre R.	150.00

Sargent, George	75.00
Simoneau, Alfred W.	150.00
Simoneau, Joseph	150.00
Snow, Mrs. James	150.00
Towers, Joseph C.	200.00
Turgeon, I. F. Estate	200.00
Walker, Horace A.	100.00
Total	\$7,480.29

**a. FINANCIAL REPORT OF
Leavitt Park Trust Funds as of 2/15/50**

	Interest or Dividends received
Loan & Trust Savings Bank, Concord	\$ 767.69 \$ 19.35
N. H. Savings Bank, Concord	502.90 12.58
Laconia Savings Bank	5,832.40 146.71
City Savings Bank, Laconia	730.71 16.53
1—U.S. Bond No. CI661373G	100.00
1—U.S. Bond No. CI661372G	100.00 2.50
6 Shares N.E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	600.00
1 Share N.E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	100.00
70 Shares Laconia Water Stock No. 626	3,500.00 210.00
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	\$407.67

Interest & Dividends turned over to City Clerk \$407.67

b. CHARLES H. PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL TRUST FUND

Chas. H. Perkins H.S. Trust Fund	\$ 5,000.00
Interest Received from 12/3/48 to Jan. 1950	136.46
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Deposit in Laconia Savings Bank	\$ 5,136.46

c. CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS Established 1949

Total Capital Reserve Accounts received	\$ 5,000.00
Deposits in Lac. Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. for:	
Fire Alarm System	\$ 2,000.00
Highways & Bridges—Truck replacements	1,000.00
" " Power Sweeper	1,000.00
" " Gravel screening plant	1,000.00
	\$ 5,000.00

Board of Assessors

HARRISON E. MORIN, *Chairman*
GEORGE F. DAME
GEORGE A. MILETTE

This report of the Board of Assessors covers the period February 15, 1949 to February 15, 1950. The members of the Board for the period February 15, 1949 to April 4, 1949 were Raymond B. Lake-man, George A. Milette and Harrison E. Morin. For the period April 4, 1949 to February 15, 1950 the members were George F. Dame, George A. Milette, and Harrison E. Morin. The Board this year for the first time operated under the budget control system and a total appropriation of \$7,350 was made by the City Council. Of that sum, \$7,405.38 was expended, leaving a balance for the Excess and Deficiency fund of \$124.62. It was felt that operation on a scheduled budget, as most other departments of the City now operate, was a distinct improvement, both from the point of view of the Board itself, and from the point of view of the City in that a clear check on expenditures is readily available. The Board is indebted to the City Auditor for assistance in setting up its first budget.

In 1948 the city purchased for the use of the Board of Assessors and the Tax Collector an Addressograph machine. This machine operates by the use of metal plates which will imprint name and address of owners and on the second half descriptions of the property owned. The plates were incomplete at the time this Board took office but are now completed within the appropriation of \$700 allotted for clerical assistance for 1949. It is the intention of the Board to proceed to use these plates in the preparation of its own records and it is hoped that the Tax Collector will be able to utilize the machine for the preparation of tax bills, as is done in other cities.

It is perhaps profitable to describe how the Board actually operates in the performance of its function of yearly assessment. In the first place the Board of Assessors does not determine the amount that is to be spent. It receives from the Mayor and Council the budget which they have approved and it is then the responsibility of the Board to commit sufficient taxes to raise that amount. By law, from the 1st to the 15th of April each year, the Board sits to receive inventories which have been mailed out to each property owner. After that time it is necessary to do the clerical work preparatory to making the annual check of property which means that it is impossible to get on the road much prior to May 1. The first type of property which must be checked is, of course, new construction of which the Board now receives

notification through the courtesy of the Building Inspector who furnishes a copy of each building permit issued since April 1 of the prior year. When that check is completed it is necessary to check any property which has been remodeled and property which has changed hands. Only such time as is left is available for the recheck of old assessments; since in the normal year the tax rate is due for approval at the State Tax Commission by the first of July, it is readily seen that the time margin is slight. It is in the comparisons between old assessments and those placed on newly constructed property that there seems to be the largest amount of complaint. While the Board has made very substantial reductions from the cost price of new property during this period of inflation in order to try to arrive at a fair market value it may be that the reduction is not substantial enough. However, if the Board, which now consists of only one full time and two part time members, could have available to it more assistance it is possible that the rechecking of older properties and the raising of them would be a more desirable solution. Once the Board has completed its check the next step is the determination of the rate which is found by relating the amount of the budget which the Mayor and Council have approved to the total valuation of the city. Once the rate has been approved it is then the responsibility of the Board to figure each individual tax and commit to the Tax Collector a warrant which shows those figures. It is then his responsibility to prepare the bills. It is clear that from this analysis the amount of work needed is encompassed in a comparatively brief period and without the assistance of detailed records it is extremely difficult to do as much as would be desirable in each year.

The analysis of operations which has just been made leads naturally to a discussion of the tax map project. A tax map is far more than merely a drawing showing lot lines. Indispensably accompanying the drawings is a descriptive card which in detail analyzes each structure or each piece of land in the city. The tax map project in Laconia was started in WPA days and has never been completed. The present Mayor and Council appropriated in this year funds sufficient to complete the mapping for Wards 5 and 6 on a proper scale. These Wards had never been mapped before. Maps were prepared in 1940 and 1941 for Wards 1 through 4. These maps are in need of substantial revisions. In the first place the scale is too great and there have been a great many changes in lot lines alone since 1941. It is earnestly to be hoped that the appropriation of the Board of Public Works for the coming year will be sufficient to permit the revision of the maps for Wards 1 to 4 so that they may be brought up to date and to compare with the excellent work which has been done on Wards 5 and 6. During the early years of the tax map project certain cards were prepared with structure analysis; however, these cards are very incomplete and, of course, very much out of date now. If a professional re-val-

uation is not adopted, (which of course furnishes all this data before completion) it is to be hoped that either this Board or the Board of Public Works will be given an appropriation sufficient at least to begin the listing on the descriptive card. It should be understood with respect to a tax map project that once completed, it must be maintained for any value to the Board of Assessors. Only in the unlikely event that all building and all transfer of property should stop would it be possible to leave the tax map without attention in any year. This discussion should not be construed as any criticism of the one man who has been employed on the project during these past years. It has simply been impossible for any one person, without assistance, to do all the things necessary to maintain the map partially completed and, as well, to go ahead with the research necessary to bring to a conclusion the wards which had not been done at all. There is no doubt that the tax map project can be of the greatest assistance to the Board of Assessors, but it can not be of any value until it is in current and useable condition.

A matter of public discussion this winter has been the system of professional revaluation which has already been done in Dover, New Hampshire and many Maine and Massachusetts cities. The Board as such has taken no position on the matter feeling that it is a policy decision which is the proper responsibility of the Mayor and his Council. There is no doubt that certain inequalities exist as among various property owners and as among types of property. Whether the best method for the correction of these difficulties is revaluation by a professional outside firm or by some means of local assistance to the Board is not for us to decide.

One taxation problem, on which, there appears to be a good deal of misunderstanding, is the granting of abatements. Under the Revised Laws of the State of New Hampshire, Chapter 77, Section 3, the Board of Assessors in preparing the tax committment may assess a sum not exceeding five percent of the committed budget for abatement purposes. Abatement is the means of correcting errors or mistakes in judgment. Why do we make errors? In the first place there are certain types of personal property, particularly boats in Laconia, on which the Board does not have adequate information as to changes in ownership. Naturally, rather than run the risk of loss, doubtful cases are retained on the rolls. In the course of time it becomes necessary to take off some of this property when removal from the City or change in ownership has finally been established. A second factor is that our information on transfers of real estate comes from the Registry of Deeds transfer cards which are not always clear. In the third place a fund for abatement is necessary in order to correct mistakes in judgment. There are very frequently cases in which full information was not available at the time of assessment or a second review will

show a simple error in judgment. The amount which the Assessors took for abatement purposes this year \$24,179.52. Of that amount the sum of \$9,022.64 was expended for the abatement of taxes for the levy of 1948. These abatements were necessary to clean up a situation which was not properly the responsibility of the present board. For some reason decisions on the 1948 petitions had not been reached before the end of the previous fiscal year and it was necessary to make them after the start of this year. For the 1949 tax levy the sum of \$11,573.36 in property and poll tax abatements has been made. It seems that this expenditure which is only 1.3 percent of the total commitment is not reckless.

One of the real problems which any Board of Assessors has to cope with is stock in trade valuations. The accompanying chart which shows the trend of stock in trade valuations from 1945 through the current year indicated sharp rises both between 1946-1947 and 1947-1948. Those rises can be accounted for principally by the fact that in those years the State Tax Commission sent its stock in trade appraiser to a great majority of stock in trade taxpayers in the city. The drop from 1948 to 1949 represents a real decrease in this city principally because the heavy losses in industrial stock in trade. The appraiser for the Commission checked a number of stock in trade taxpayers in this city in the past year. This Board in its assessment of stock in trade made a reduction of ten percent in each figure determined in order to equalize it with the assessment on real property, which from equalization figure of the State Tax Commission, was found to be in the vicinity of ninety percent of their normal figure. This Board shares with most other taxing authorities the belief that the stock in trade tax should be replaced by some other means of raising revenue. Under the present system which the legislature has so far refused to change, the stock in trade tax seems to fall most heavily at the time when industry and business are retarded with inventories at a higher figure than they are in a period of prosperous business.

Among the responsibilities of the Board is the commitment of a poll tax warrant for the City each year. In this City it has been the practice to appoint six deputy assessors chosen more or less at random for this work. A check of the past five years discloses that this system is not particularly efficient. This year, although the compensation of the individuals was increased in an effort to secure better listing, no real improvement has resulted. It is discovered that in most other cities in New Hampshire the poll tax enumeration is done by the Police Department. The reason why this procedure is followed is two fold: (A) Better answers to the tax questions are given to a uniformed police officer, and, (B) there is a department head to whom the Assessors can turn in case the listing is unsatisfactory. It is, therefore, the recommendation of the Board that for the future the police com-

mission be asked to cooperate with the Board in the selection of Deputy Assessors from the force, the budget of the Police Department to be duly compensated from the Assessors' budget for the time which the police officers must spend on this work.

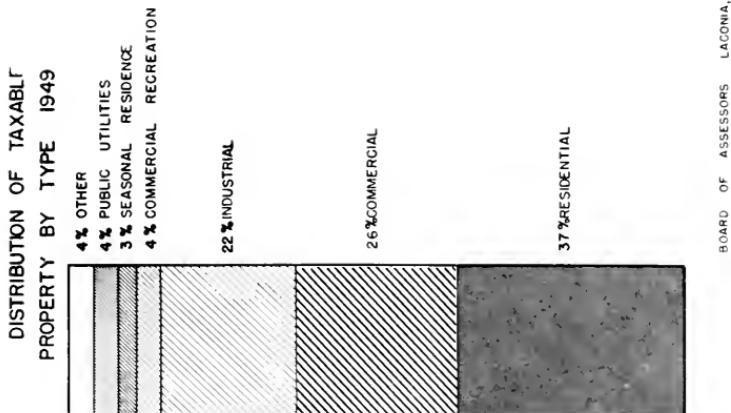
The accompanying chart to this section shows the trend of assessed valuations in the city for the preceding five years. Sharp increases are noted in each of the years until we come to 1949. The increase for 1949 over 1948 was only \$58,970. This does not mean that there was not a substantial increase in real estate valuations. There was in the past year a very considerable amount of new construction which, of course, was valued and included in the total figures. The loss in the total is a loss in stock in trade valuations of approximately \$500,000. The reasons for this loss have been described above. A second factor is of course the growing amount of real property which receives the veterans' exemption of \$1,000. That figure this year was \$545,000.

The accompanying graph indicated from what sources the property tax revenue of this city is derived. It seems that these catagories are self-explanatory. The four percent "other" category includes such items as boats, gasoline pumps and tanks, farm animals and growing wood and timber. The second graph accompanying this section is entitled "Distribution of Taxpayers by the Amount of Taxes Paid." Each figure as indicated on the chart represents one hundred taxpayers.

In the last analysis, the amount of taxes which property owners and others must pay depends upon the amount of services which they require the city to give. The Board of Assessors has made an effort to raise the amount of money committed to it as fairly and equitably as it could. This Board, just as any other department of the city government, depends upon the good will and the support of the members of the community which it serves. It is willing to participate in any program which the citizens through their elected representatives wish to set up for taxing procedure.

DISTRIBUTION OF RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENTS TABLE (3)

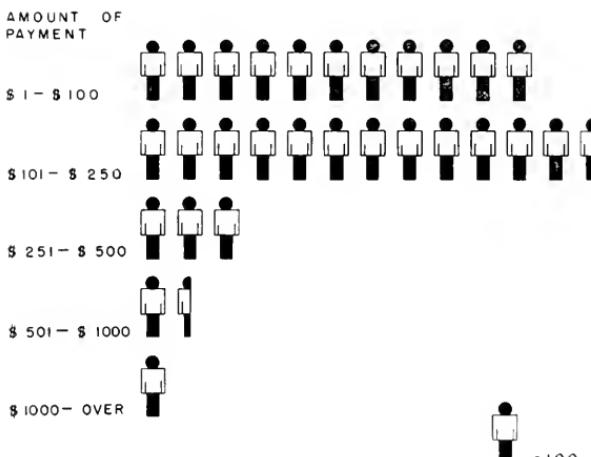
\$1 - 1000	171
\$1001 - 2000	479
\$2001 - 3000	748
\$3001 - 4000	685
\$4001 - 5000	355
\$5001 - 6000	112
\$6001 - Above	162



DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY VALUATIONS BY TYPE 1949 TABLE (1)

	Valuation	Tax	Percentage
Boats	\$ 161,830	\$ 6,602.66	.07
Public Utilities	977,380	39,877.10	4.
Commercial Buildings	4,006,600	163,469.28	17.77
Commercial Recreational	966,210	39,421.37	4.
Residence Recreational	666,925	27,210.54	3.
Machinery	1,512,964	61,728.93	7.
Country Agricultural	349,375	14,254.50	1.5
Urban Vacant Lots	346,575	14,140.26	1.5
Stock in Trade Industrial	1,992,794	81,306.00	9.
Stock in Trade Commercial	1,919,654	78,322.29	8.5
Industrial Land & Buildings	1,436,935	58,626.95	6.
Miscellaneous	74,420	3,036.34	.03
Residential Property	8,033,823	332,017.28	37.63
			100.

DISTRIBUTION OF TAXPAYERS BY
AMOUNT OF TAXES PAID



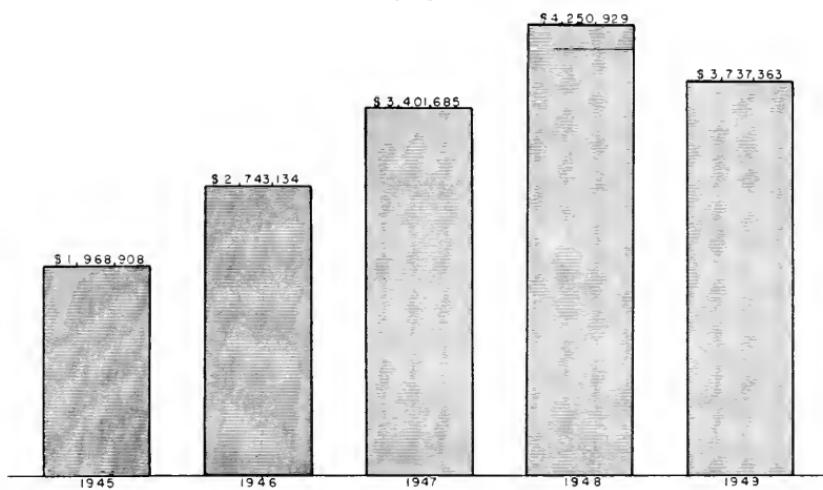
BOARD OF ASSESSORS LACONIA, N.H.

DISTRIBUTION OF TAYPERS BY AMOUNTS PAID
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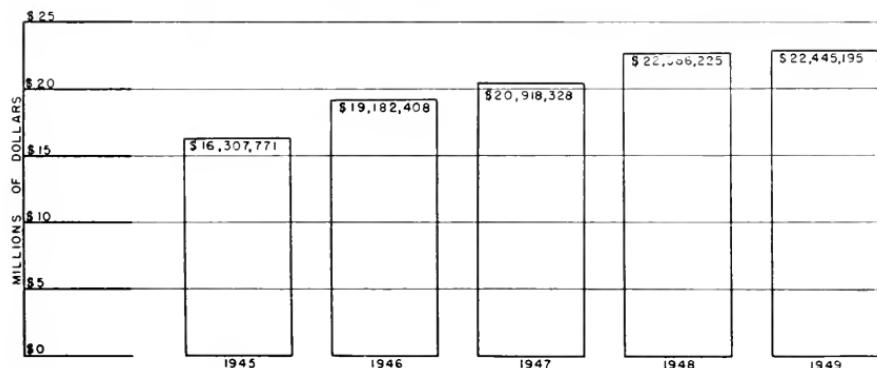
Taxpayers Paying	Number
\$1 - 100	1103
\$101 - 250	1285
\$251 - 500	313
\$501 - 1000	145
\$1001 - Above	99
Total	2945

TREND OF ASSESSED VALUATION
LACONIA, N. H.

TREND: STOCK IN TRADE VALUATION
1945 - 1949



BOARD OF ASSESSORS



BOARD OF ASSESSORS

SUMMARY OF ASSESSED VALUATIONS

Electric Plants	398,030.00
Land & Buildings	16,768,261.00
Growing Wood & Timber	2,875.00
Horses	4,550.00
Cows	30,550.00
Other Neat Stock	1,130.00
Sheep	105.00
Hogs	835.00
Fowls	625.00
Vehicles	3,700.00
Boats & Launches	182,005.00

Value of Wood & Lumber not stock in trade	4,000.00
Gasoline Pumps & Tanks	33,665.00
Stock in Trade	3,737,363.00
Aqueducts, Locks & Canals, Toll Bridges, Ferries, Wharves, Mills & Machinery	1,823,689.00
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Less Veterans' Exemptions	22,991,383.00
	545,887.66
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	22,445,495.34
Property Taxes	915,776.20
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	12,892.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	1,898.65
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Taxes Committed	930,566.85

ASSESSORS OFFICE

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 7,530.00
Revenue	1.20
Transfer from Dog Licenses	5.20
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Total Receipts	\$ 7,536.40

EXPENDITURES

Car Expense	\$ 100.00
Clerical Assistance	635.40
Equipment	75.20
Registry of Deeds	169.80
Salaries:	
Full time Assessor	3,130.00
Part time Assessors—2	2,050.00
Deputy Assessors	590.00
Clerical	120.00
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Supplies and Printing	412.85
Telephone	95.81
Travel	32.72
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	124.62
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Total Expenditures	\$ 7,536.40

OVERLAY FOR ABATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 24,179.45
Added Tax during the year	5,261.06
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Total Receipts	\$ 29,440.51

EXPENDITURES

Abatement Refunds	\$ 972.84
Abatements by the Assessors	20,601.54
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	7,866.13
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Total Expenditures	\$ 29,440.51

Tax Collector

RUSSELL J. FLACK *Tax Collector*
SUSIE M. LAWRENCE *Assistant*

A total tax warrant of \$935,328.00 was committed for collection during 1949. This represents an increase over the 1948 tax warrant of \$60,219.76, the 1949 tax warrant being the largest ever submitted. Approximately 90% of the total tax warrant submitted for collection during 1949 was collected.

The Mayor and Council at the request of the undersigned, eliminated all costs and fees accruing to the Collector, and after 1 August, 1949 all costs and fees accrue to the City. Total costs and fees accruing to the City for this fiscal year amounted to \$870.23. The Tax Sales of 1948 and 1949 of over \$11,000. each reflect a levelling off in the local economy, and represent an increase over previous years.

The Tax Collector, acting in behalf of the City, sold back to the original owners 2 parcels of land with buildings thereon which the City had taken by Collectors' Deeds 10 years previous. Total receipts from these two sales were \$708.53.

The status of unredeemed taxes is summarized in the following table:

	Levy 1948	Levy 1947	Levy 1946	Levy 1945	Levy 1944
Amount unredeemed					
Feb. 15, 1949	\$11,252.27	\$6,035.59	\$2,229.01	\$192.95	\$93.54
Amount redeemed to					
Feb. 15, 1950	4,491.69	4,443.28	789.16	124.44	93.54
Amount abated to					
Feb. 15, 1950	6.94	24.59	29.92	7.09	.....
Unredeemed balance					
Feb. 15, 1950	\$6,753.64	*1,567.72	*1,409.93	*61.42	.....

*The above unredeemed balances marked with an asterisk are being deeded or held on assignment by vote of Council, except for an unredeemed balance of \$986.84 on the 1947 levy.

RUSSELL FLACK
Tax Collector

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I hereby submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the City of Laconia for the fiscal year ending February 15, 1950.

TAXES

1949

Total amount of taxes committed by the Board of Assessors	\$917,674.85
Total amount of polls committed by the Board of Assessors	12,892.00
Total amount of added taxes committed by the Board of Assessors	4,255.15
Total amount of polls added and committed	506.00
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	\$935,328.00
Total amount collected to February 15, 1950	\$817,111.41
Total amount of polls collected February 15, 1950	9,688.00
Total amount of taxes abated February 15, 1950	10,151.36
Total amount of polls abated February 15, 1950	770.00
Total amount uncollected February 15, 1950	97,607.23
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	\$935,328.00

1948

Total amount uncollected February 15, 1949	\$ 83,775.29
Total amount added tax committed by Board of Assessors	289.75
Total amount of added polls committed	92.00
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	\$ 84,157.04
Total amount collected to February 15, 1950	\$ 73,302.83
Total amount abated to February 15, 1950	9,176.64
Total amount uncollected February 15, 1950	1,677.57
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	\$ 84,157.04

1947

Total amount uncollected February 15, 1949	\$ 3,143.90
Total amount of polls added and committed February 15, 1950 ..	4.00
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	\$ 3,147.90
Total amount collected to February 15, 1950	\$ 337.68
Total amount abated to February 15, 1950	174.00
Total amount uncollected February 15, 1950	2,636.22
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	\$ 3,147.90

1946

Total amount uncollected February 15, 1950	\$ 1,587.49
Total amount collected to February 15, 1950	\$ 170.58
Total amount abated to February 15, 1950	239.00
Total amount uncollected February 15, 1950	1,177.91
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	\$ 1,587.49

1945

Total amount \$3.00 polls uncollected February 15, 1949	\$ 1,950.60
Total amount collected to February 15, 1950	\$ 194.85
Total amount abated to February 15, 1950	21.00
Total amount uncollected February 15, 1950	1,734.75

	\$ 1,950.60
Total amount uncollected February 15, 1949	\$ 1,219.12
Total amount collected to February 15, 1950	\$ 132.00
Total amount abated to February 15, 1950	12.00
Total amount uncollected February 15, 1950	1,075.12

	\$ 1,219.12

1944

Total amount \$3.00 polls uncollected February 15, 1949	\$ 1,932.00
Total amount added and committed	3.00

	\$ 1,935.00
Total amount collected to February 15, 1950	\$ 160.50
Total amount abated to February 15, 1950	18.00
Total amount uncollected February 15, 1950	1,756.50

	\$ 1,935.00
Total amount uncollected February 15, 1949	\$ 1,227.67
Total amount added tax committed	2.00

	\$ 1,229.67
Total amount collected to February 15, 1950	\$ 114.00
Total amount abated to February 15, 1950	10.00
Total amount uncollected February 15, 1950	1,105.67

	\$ 1,229.67

SUMMARY OF REGULAR TAXES

	Costs & Fees	Prop. & Polls	Interest
Total amount collected for 1949 taxes	\$151.80	\$826,799.41	\$96.86
Total amount collected for 1948 taxes	652.46	73,302.83	3,334.75
Total amount collected for 1947 taxes	21.55	337.68	37.95
Total amount collected for 1946 taxes	9.60	170.58	37.54
Total amount collected for 1945 \$3 polls		194.85	53.07
Total amount collected for 1945 taxes	16.12	132.00	36.99
Total amount collected for 1944 \$3 polls		160.50	54.47
Total amount collected for 1944 taxes	7.20	114.00	40.02
	_____	_____	_____
	\$858.73	\$901,211.85	\$3,691.65

SUMMARY OF TAXES REDEEMED

	1944 Levy	1945 Levy	1946 Levy	1947 Levy	1948 Levy
Uncollected Feb. 15, 1949 ..	\$93.54	\$192.95	\$2,229.01	\$6,035.59	\$11,252.27
Collected to Feb., 1950	93.54	124.44	789.16	4,443.28	4,491.69
	68.51	1,478.44	1,592.31	6,760.58	
Abated by vote of Council		7.09	29.92	24.59	6.94
Uncollected as of Feb. 15, 1950		*61.42	*1,409.93	*1,567.72	6,753.64
(* see below)					
Interest collected					
Feb. 15, 1950	\$35.62	34.62	151.75	399.86	68.16
*Amount being deeded to City		*61.42	*222.67		
*Amount being held in abeyance by					
Vote of Council, assignment			*1,187.26	*580.88	

TOTAL SUMMARY

Total taxes collected to February 15, 1950	\$901,211.85
Total interest collected to February 15, 1950	3,691.65
Total taxes and interest redeemed to February 15, 1950	10,632.12
Total costs and fees collected to February 15, 1950	870.23
	\$916,405.85

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL J. FLACK
Collector of Taxes

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

RECEIPTS

Budget Appropriation	\$ 5,712.00
Additional appropriations during year	1,200.00
Revenue	149.40
Total Receipts	\$ 7,061.40

EXPENDITURES

Bond Expense	\$ 312.00
Equipment	70.00
Salaries:	
Tax Collector	2,410.96
Assistant Tax Collector	2,052.33
Supplies	1,180.57
Telephone	90.60
Travel	69.06
Miscellaneous	293.40
Transfer to Unappropriated Surplus	582.48
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,061.40

SUMMARY OF TAX COLLECTIONS

Fiscal year ending February 15, 1950

Taxes Collected to

February 15, 1950	\$826,799.41	\$73,302.83	\$ 337.68	\$ 170.58	\$ 326.85	\$ 274.50
Taxes abated	10,921.36	9,176.64	174.00	239.00	33.00	28.00
Uncollected Balance	\$97,007.23	\$ 1,677.57	\$2,636.22	\$1,177.91	\$2,809.87	\$2,862.17

Uncollected Tax Balance Distribution

Real Estate	\$ 94,067.23			
Personal Property		346.27	1,210.72	65.99
Regular Polls	2,940.00	1,331.30	1,425.50	1,111.92
Special Polls				

TOTAL COLLECTIONS

Total taxes collected to February 15, 1950	\$901,211.85
Total Interest Collected to February 15, 1950	3,691.65
Total taxes and interest redeemed to February 15, 1950	10,632.12
Total costs and fees collected to February 15, 1950	870.23

Treasurer's Report

CLARENCE S. NEWELL, *City Treasurer*

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Laconia:

I hereby submit my report as Treasurer of the City of Laconia for the year ending February 15, 1950, as follows:

RECEIPTS

Assessors	\$ 1.20
Bond Interest Acct.	187.50
Board of Adjustments	92.75
Board of Public Works	14,999.19
Certificates	15.00
City Hall Maintenance	10.00
City Officers	159.32
Dog Licenses	2,316.90
Elections	10.00
Fire Dept.	2,265.96
Fees	1,285.95
Fire Equipment Notes	18,000.00
Gilford Street Lighting	55.00
Health Dept.	492.56
Leavitt Fund	744.92
Licenses	2,100.75
Miscellaneous Receipts	43.20
Moth & Forestry Dept.	7.50
Motor Vehicles, 1948	27.51
1949	28,757.96
1950	7,527.75
Municipal Court	16,416.48
Notes Issued	300,000.00
State of New Hampshire:	
Savings Bank Tax	7,150.18
Railroad Tax	1,327.45
Interest & Dividends Tax	17,941.87
Old Age Recovery	187.50
Property sold by City	1,309.53
Parking Meters	27,340.35
Planning Board	40.20
Police Dept.	228.40
Parks	851.43
Refunds	2.30
Public Health Nurse	43.50
Public Library	1,475.44
Recording & Discharging	104.50
School Dept.	45,178.29
Support of Poor	1,607.69

Tax Collector	149.40
Trust Funds	7,484.67
Taxes	
1949	826,799.41
1948	73,304.83
1947	337.68
1946	170.58
1945	132.00
1944	114.00
Special Poll Tax	
1944	160.50
1945	194.85
Taxes Redeemed	
1944	93.54
1945	124.44
1946	789.16
1947	4,443.28
1948	4,491.69
Interest on Taxes	4,274.14
Interest on Special Poll Tax	107.54
Cost & Fees, Tax Coll.	870.23
Weirs Development	2,702.94
Balance February 15, 1949	171,895.43
	\$1,598,946.34

PAYMENTS

Aged Dependents	\$37,391.86
Assessors	4,557.09
Airport Authority	3,500.06
Bonds Paid	
Improvement & Equipment	15,000.00
Public Improvements	6,000.00
Pavement & Sidewalk	2,500.00
New School	3,750.00
Public Improvement & Equipments	10,000.00
Serial Notes	1,500.00
Notes Paid	300,000.00
Bond Interest	
Improvement & Equipment	6,243.75
Serial Notes	41.26
New School	787.50
Pavement & Sidewalk	118.75
Public Improvement	600.00
Board of Public Works	227,362.96
Capital Reserve	5,000.00
Celebration, July Fourth	937.06
City Hall Maintenance	5,778.05
Conventions	650.00
Lakes Region Association	900.00
City Officers Expense	8,248.82
County Tax	61,200.42
Dog License	301.10
Discount on Notes	1,353.19

Fire Dept.	80,445.44
Fire Dept., F.M. Radio	2,998.25
Elections	1,303.65
Excess & Diff. Acct.	11,883.73
Health Dept.	9,735.93
Laconia Hospital	30,000.00
Chapman-Gilman Sandbank	1,600.00
Hydrant Service	4,739.08
Licenses	122.00
Leavitt Fund	527.75
Memorial Day	300.00
Memorial for Spanish War Vets.	882.03
Moth & Forestry	1,173.08
Motor Vehicles, 1949	92.69
1948	70.25
Municipal Court	11,136.30
Overlay for Abatements	972.84
Public Library	21,597.05
Petty Cash	250.00
Parks & Playgrounds	29,992.79
Police Dept.	70,351.21
Special Poll Tax	
1944	109.00
1945	124.85
Special Poll Tax Interest	68.54
Salaries	28,903.53
Street Lighting	21,419.89
Tax Collector	6,356.72
Planning Board	4,939.33
School Dept.	149,148.52
"	230,579.20
Support of Poor	45,510.46
Parking Meters	17,373.19
Public Wharf	200.00
Property sold, 1948 tax	11,254.27
State Education Tax	3,472.00
Tax, 1948	18.00
1949	8.76
Poll Tax, 1949	4.00
Interest on Taxes	.21
Tax. Coll. Fees	218.35
Trust Funds	7,484.67
Zoning Board of Adjustment	177.97
Vital Statistics	256.50
Weirs Development	3,184.94
Balance, February 15, 1950	84,237.56
	\$1,598,946.34

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. NEWELL,
City Treasurer.

Report of City Auditor

Fiscal Year Ending February 15, 1950

DANA S. BEANE, JR. *City Auditor*

To the Honorable Mayor Thomas J. McIntyre, the Finance Committee of the Council, and the Council of the City of Laconia, New Hampshire.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of the city ordinances, I have examined the financial accounts of the City of Laconia as of February 15, 1950. The accounting procedures and practices have been reviewed and recommendations will be found throughout this report. My examination was made in accordance with certain auditing standards recommended by the auditing committee of the Municipal Officers Association of United States and Canada. Certain tests were applied to the extent deemed appropriate in view of the system of internal control.

I herewith present my report, based upon my examination, together with the following exhibits:

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NOTATIONS

I — Laconia Public Library.

II — Gale Park Fund.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It was noted in my recommendations last year that the fixed tangible assets of the city be evaluated and a capital items balance sheet be compiled as required by city ordinance. An ordinance relative to purchasing contains a provision allowing for this, and it is my opinion that this important phase should not be overlooked. Equipment, especially, should be listed and an inventory taken at least once a year.

2. I recommend again that the books of the city, at the end of the fiscal year, should indicate the various purchase commitments made by the departments for which the bills have not been received up to February 15.

3. The parking meter finances should be set up as a separate fund from the General Fund. The cash in this fund should not be included with that of the general city revenues. Its assets, liabilities, and surplus should be set up separately, and its revenue in my opinion should not be anticipated in the yearly budget.

4. The accounting system should embrace a control on all types of withholdings from salaries and wages. Ledger accounts should be set up to show these liabilities against cash in the bank.

5. Department revenues should be turned into the office of the City Clerk as they are received by the departments, and a *pre-numbered* receipt should be issued. Department heads should file these receipts by numbers for reference and audit.

6. It is urged and also recommended by the State Auditors that no payment shall be made out of city funds unless a proper voucher is prepared and submitted to the City Treasurer. All disbursements of any kind should appear on the monthly warrant.

7. It is my opinion that direct spending from surplus should be exercised with caution in years where tax revenues are not expected to be high.

8. The present surplus of \$54,767.75 places the city's finances in good condition, revenue estimates have been exceeded, and department budgets were not overdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA S. BEANE, JR.
City Auditor.

COMMENTS ON EXHIBIT A

General Fund Balance Sheet

The accompanying statement represents the financial condition of the City of Laconia at the close of the fiscal year February 15, 1950. Fixed assets and long-term obligations of the city are not included. Liabilities accrued by the various departments, but not paid for on February 15 draft, are not included due to purchase commitments not being encumbered.

It is to be noted that the city does not have any temporary notes payable as of 2/15/50; all money borrowed in anticipation of tax revenues has been paid off.

The Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$250 for use by the Laconia School District is the property of the City and is noted as such in the Balance Sheet.

EXHIBIT A — BALANCE SHEET — CURRENT ACCOUNTS

Condition of the General Fund as of close of Fiscal Year

February 15, 1950

ASSETS

Current Assets:

1. Cash in Banks:			
Peoples National Bank			\$ 84,237.56
Second National Bank of Boston — Coupons			168.75
2. Petty Cash on Hand:			
City Clerk— Cash	\$ 172.52		
Reimbursable Items	27.48		200.00
Supt. of Schools — Cash	9.99		
Laconia National	174.30		
Reimbursable Items	65.71		250.00
3. Accounts Receivable — Taxes:			
(a) Tax Levy 1949	\$ 97,732.15		
(b) Tax Levy 1948	1,693.57		
(c) Tax Levy 1947	2,636.22		
(d) Tax Levy 1946	1,177.91		
(e) Tax Levy 1945	1,075.12		
(f) Tax Levy 1944	1,105.67		105,420.64
4. Unredeemed Taxes — Sold to City (see note)			
(a) Tax Levy 1948	6,755.64		
(b) Tax Levy 1947	1,567.72		
(c) Tax Levy 1946	1,409.93		
(d) Tax Levy 1945	61.42		9,794.71
5. Due on State N. H. Bonus Taxes:			
(a) Tax Levy 1945	1,734.75		
(b) Tax Levy 1944	1,756.50		3,491.25
6. Property Acquired by Tax Deed (see notes)			200.45
Total Current Assets			\$203,763.36

CURRENT LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Current Liabilities:

7. Departments Unexpended Balances:		
Leavitt Park Fund	\$ 2,445.84	
Fire Department Capital Outlay	156.82	
History of Laconia	2,000.00	
Parks	935.00	
Public Works — Capital Outlays	16,134.22	
School District 1949-50	115,954.48	
 Total Balances	 \$137,626.36	
8. Motor Vehicle — 1950 Revenue	\$ 7,527.75	
9. Due State N. H. Bonus Taxes:		
(a) Tax Levy 1945	\$ 1,825.37	
(b) Tax Levy 1944	1,847.38	3,672.75
10. Bond Coupons Payable		168.75
General Fund Current Surplus		\$54,767.75
 TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	 \$203,763.36	

Note: Contingent Liability

\$28,000.00 was granted the city by the Federal Government for sewerage disposal plans and specifications. The City of Laconia will become liable for repayment to the Government when and if a sewerage disposal utility is established. The utility would likely assume this liability, but it is the opinion of the auditor that it should be mentioned as a contingent liability.

Audit 2/15/50 Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account in Peoples National Bank

Balance — Peoples National Bank per statement		
rendered February 16, 1950	\$100,925.99	
Less — Outstanding Checks	2,665.04	
 Sub-total	 \$98,260.95	
 Less — Retirements Withheld:		
Police	\$ 72.00	
Fire	19.50	
City Hall	53.25	
	144.75	
		\$ 98,116.20
 Less — Public Works Draft 2/15/50		
Draft excluding payroll	\$ 2,998.48	
Less — Bill pd. for Discount	85.75	
	2,912.72	
		\$ 95,203.48
 Less — City Draft — Balance of		
Checks not issued	11,015.92	
 Balance, General Ledger, Peoples National	 \$ 84,197.56	

**RECONCILEMENT OF PETTY CASH HELD BY
SUPERINTENDENT OF LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT
as of 2-15-20**

Checking Account — Laconia National Bank	\$ 174.30
Cash on Hand — Supt. Office	3.19
Cash on Hand — High School Office	6.80
Sub-total	<u>\$ 184.29</u>
 Reimbursable Items:	
Check No. 13 Stamps	\$ 12.75
" No. 14 Copy bulletin .....	.20
" No. 15 Stamps	18.00
" No. 16 Stapler Repair .....	.70
High School Vouchers	33.20
Petty Cash slip (misc.) .....	.86
	<u>65.71</u>
 Total Petty Cash — School District	\$ 250.00

**RECONCILEMENT OF PETTY CASH — CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
as of 2-15-50**

Cash on Hand:	
City Clerk's Office — Front	\$ 25.00
Tax Collector's Office	25.00
Police Dept. Office	20.00
City Clerk's Cash Box	102.52
	<u>\$ 172.52</u>
 Reimbursable Items:	
Vouchers — Feb. 15 Draft	\$ 26.73
N. H. Bounties — Fish & Game .....	.75
	<u>27.48</u>
 Total Petty Cash — City Clerk	\$ 200.00

SCHEDULE A-1

Comparative Balance Sheet of General Fund

As of Close of Business February 15, 1949 and 1950

CURRENT ASSETS:

	Feb. 15, 1949	Feb. 15, 1950	Increase or Decrease*
Cash	\$172,395.43	\$ 84,856.31	\$87,539.12*
Current Taxes Receivable	90,953.47	105,420.64	14,467.17
Unredeemed Taxes Receivable	8,551.09	9,794.71	1,243.62
State Bonus Taxes	3,882.60	3,491.25	391.35*
Prop. Acq. by Tax Deed	241.55	200.45	41.10*
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$276,024.14	\$203,763.36	\$72,260.78*

CURRENT LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS:	Feb. 15, 1949	Feb. 15, 1950	Increase or Decrease*
Department Unexpended Balances	\$212,728.80	\$137,626.36	\$75,102.44*
Unallocated Bond Issue	4,005.03	.....	4,005.03*
Motor Vehicle	6,935.21	7,527.75	592.54
State Bonus Taxes Due N. H.	3,903.60	3,672.75	230.85*
Bond Coupons Payable	300.00	168.75	131.25*
General Current Surplus	48,151.50	54,767.75	6,616.25
Total Liabilities & Surplus	\$276,024.14	\$203,763.36	\$72,260.78*

SCHEDULE A-2 GENERAL FUND

Analysis of Changes in Unappropriated Surplus Operations for Fiscal Year Ended Feb. 15, 1950

Unappropriated Surplus, Feb. 15, 1949	\$ 40,040.46
Surplus Reserves, Feb. 15, 1949	8,111.04
_____ General Fund Surplus—Total	

Add:

1. Excess of Actual Revenue over Estimated Revenues (see Schedule A-2a):	
Actual Revenue	88,552.68
Estimated Revenue	74,718.81
	13,833.87

2. Excess from Department Budgets	31,415.03
(see Schedule A-2b)	

Total Current Surplus Available	\$ 93,400.40
Less:	

Direct Charges to Surplus	38,632.65
(see Schedule A-2c)	

Current Surplus — Feb. 15, 1950	\$ 54,767.75

It is to be noted that the surplus on Feb. 15, 1950 exceeds that of Feb. 15, 1949 by \$6,616.25. Although direct expenditures were made from Surplus as shown above, the excess revenue over estimates and department budget money turned back over requirements more than covered these payments. The financial operations of the city, as reflected in the standing surplus shown above, has certainly been within the financial means of the city's revenue. The surplus is a conservative figure and assets are not overstated in the opinion of the auditor. It is my judgment that the city should not deplete its surplus; it would be a needed thing to fall back on in event of losses of revenue or unforeseeable disasters.

SCHEDULE A-2a GENERAL FUND

Statement of Revenues — Estimated and Actual For Fiscal Year Ended February 15, 1950

	Estimated Revenue	Net Actual Revenue	Excess or Deficiency*
Interest and Dividends (N. H.)	\$17,768.81	\$17,941.87	\$ 173.06
Railroad Tax (N. H.)	1,400.00	1,327.45	72.55*
Savings Bank Tax (N. H.)	7,250.00	7,150.18	99.82*
Motor Vehicle Permits	25,000.00	35,690.48	10,600.48
Licenses	1,500.00	1,978.75	478.75
Fees	1,100.00	1,405.45	305.45
Interest on Taxes	2,500.00	4,273.93	1,773.93
Parking Meters	13,000.00	10,078.20	2,921.80*
Athletic Floodlights	1,0 0.00	367.49	(32).51*
Health Dept.	500.00	506.25	6.25
Municipal Court	3,500.00	5,280.18	1,780.18
Tax Collector Fees	200.00	651.88	451.88
Sale of Tax Deed Property	NONE	1,268.43	1,268.43
All Other Revenue	NONE	817.33	817.33
Mis. Deficits	NONE	* 95.19	95.19*
 Totals	 \$74,718.81	 \$88,552.68	 \$13,833.87

1. The above statement shows how much was estimated to be received from income (to apply against the budget) and what *actually* was received as net revenue.

2. Figures in second column are net amounts (less expenses necessary to raise revenues).

SCHEDULE A-2b

GENERAL FUND — Reconciled Statement of Budget Operations — Year Ending February 15, 1950

Total Credits Available to Departments	\$1,329,016.41
Less — Department Expenditures and Charges	1,162,420.86
 Sub-total	 \$ 166,595.55
 Less — Unexpended Amounts Held Over for expenditures 1950-1951 Year (see Liabilities — Balance Sheet)	 135,180.52
 Total Unexpended Amount Transferred to Unappropriated Surplus	 \$ 31,415.03

NOTE: A complete break-down of each department's charges and credits appears in the City Clerk and Fiscal Officer financial section of the City Report. The detailed statement has been entirely audited and just the totals of the statement are included in the above schedule.

It is commendable that controls have been exercised permitting department surpluses instead of deficits. Department heads are to be commended for their endeavor to remain within their allotted funds.

A few of the larger items contained in the \$31,000 above are:

1. \$5,608.14 of unused funds provided for Aged Dependents of the State.
2. \$13,498.56 turned over by the Public Works Department.
3. \$7,866.13 of unused Overlay for Abatements (used principally for abatement of worthless taxes.)

SCHEDULE A-2c

Statement of Charges and Credits Direct to Unappropriated Surplus

Fiscal Year Ended February 15, 1950

Direct Charges to Surplus:

Payment of Reserve—French Dyeing Corp	\$ 8,000.00
Tardif Park bills	3,272.63
Hot Water Heaters— Parks	545.59
Payment Back Pay— City Employees	598.10
Applied to Budget as Revenue	15,000.00
Park Bathhouse Main	500.00
Police Salaries	1,000.00
Supply Account— Tax Collector	600.00
Small Claims — Tax Collector (returnable)	600.00
Police Salaries — Retirement	1,555.26
Health Dept.	110.00
Support of Poor	5,000.00
Spanish War Vets Memorial	82.03
School District— Water Pipes	1,645.00
Rowe Court, Land Damage	13.00
Transfer of Parking Meter Surplus to Parking Meter	
Revenue account	111.04
Total Direct Charges	<hr/> \$38,632.65

February 15, 1950

BALANCE SHEET — CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

ASSETS

Cash Deposits:

Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n.	\$ 5,000.00
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RESERVES

Reserved for Capital Outlays

Fire Alarm System	\$ 2,000.00
Truck Replacements — Public Works	1,000.00
Power Sweeper — Public Works	1,000.00
Gravel Screening Plant — Public Works	1,000.00

Total Reserves	\$ 5,000.00
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EXHIBIT B

BALANCE SHEET — GENERAL BONDED DEBT As of February 15, 1950

ASSETS

General Public Debt	\$372,500.00
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LIABILITIES

Serial Bonds:

Practical Arts High School Bonds	22,500.00
Public Improvement Bonds 1946	42,000.00
Public Improvement Bonds 1947	80,000.00
Public Improvement Bonds 1948	210,000.00
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	\$354,500.00
Serial Notes — Fire Equipment	18,000.00
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Total Liabilities	\$372,500.00

The above represents the serial indebtedness of the city as of Feb. 15, 1950. The city has no short term borrowing or notes in anticipation of taxes at this date. Pavement & Sidewalks Bonds and Serial Improvement notes have been paid off during the year, examined by me and cancelled in my presence. Proper authorization was given for the new fire equipment notes in amount of \$18,000.

All above bonds and notes are pledged by the full credit of the city and are not payable from any special revenue. Provision is made in each year's budget for repayment of principal and interest as required in amount by the bond agreement. No fixed assets belonging to the city are being used as collateral for any loan. For additional information on your city's bonds, please consult Schedules B-1 and B-2.

SCHEDULE B-1

STATEMENT OF SERIAL DEBT AND OUTSTANDING

as of February 15, 1950

	Rate of Interest	Original Amount	Paid last Year	Bonds out- standing
High School	3%	\$75,000	\$3,750	\$22,500
Pavement & Sidewalk	4½%	50,000	2,500	none
Public Improvement 1946	1¼%	60,000	6,000	42,000
Public Improvement 1947	1½%	100,000	10,000	80,000
Public Improvement 1948	2¼%	225,000	15,000	210,000
Fire Equipment notes	1½%	18,000	none	18,000
Serial Improvement notes	2½%	15,000	1,500	none
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Total Paid on Debt last year			\$38,750	
Total Debt — Feb. 15, 1950				\$372,500

SCHEDULE B-2

RECONCILATION OF GENERAL SERIAL DEBT

General Debt, Feb. 15, 1949	\$393,250.00
Plus:	
Serial Notes Issued During Fiscal Year	18,000.00
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Substract:	
Amount Retired During Fiscal Year	38,750.00
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General Debt, Feb. 15, 1950	\$372,500.00

Serial notes were issued this past year in the amount of \$18,000; funds used for permanent fire equipment.

EXHIBIT C

Audit 2-15-50

Trustees of Trust Funds

Trust Funds on Hand 2-15-49	\$87,789.27
Amount Funds Received 1949	7,480.29
Unexpended Interest 2-15-49	4,131.93
Interest Received 1949	2,300.90

\$101,702.39

Amount Interest Expended 1949	2,088.20
Balance Interest on Hand 2-15-50	4,344.63
Prin. Trust Funds Banks 2-15-50	95,169.56
Prin. Trust Funds Water Company Stock	100.00

\$101,702.39

TRUST FUNDS 2-15-50

City Savings Bank	32,504.50
Laconia Savings Bank	58,490.06
Building and Loan	1,025.00
Federal Savings and Loan Association	2,850.00
Lakeport National Bank	300.00
Laconia Water Company Stock	100.00

\$ 95,269.56

SCHEDULE C-1 CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Statement of Operations — Fiscal Year 49-50

Interest:	
Accrued and Unexpended, 2-15-49	\$ 4,131.93
Plus Interest Received During Year	2,300.90
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Total Interest Available	\$ 6,432.83
Less Interest Expended During Year	2,088.20
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Unexpended Interest 2-15-50	\$ 4,344.63

The principal amount of trust funds comprising savings bank books and water stock were individually examined and verified. All funds received during the year were deposited by the Secretary-Treasurer and are in agreement with the amounts accepted by the Council and received by the City Treasurer. None of the funds are held as collateral for any loans.

An inventory listing of bank book numbers and amounts comprising investments in savings banks is contained in detail in the books of the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer should be commended on the new set of books and the system she has devised for the various funds.

SCHEDULE D-1 AND D-2
FINANCIAL REPORT OF
Leavitt Park Trust Funds as of 2/15/50

		Interest or Dividends Received
Loan & Trust Savings Bank, Concord	767.69	\$ 19.35
N. H. Savings Bank, Concord	502.90	12.58
Laconia Savings Bank	5832.40	146.71
City Savings Bank, Laconia	730.71	16.53
1—U.S. Bond No. C1661373G	100.00	
1—U.S. Bond No. C166137aG	100.00	2.50
6 Shares N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	600.00	
1 Share N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	100.00	
70 Shares Laconia Water Stock No. 626	3500.00	210.00
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		\$ 407.67

Interest & Dividends turned over to City Clerk \$ 407.67

CHARLES H. PERKINS High School Trust Fund

Charles H. Perkins High School Trust Funds	5,000.00
Interest received from 12/3/48 to Jan. 1950	136.46
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	\$ 5,136.46

Deposit in Laconia Savings Bank \$ 5,136.46

CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS established 1949

Total Capital Reserve Accounts received	\$ 5,000.00
Deposits in Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Association for:	
Fire Alarm System	2,000.00
Highways & Bridges Dept. Truck replacements	1,000.00
" " " Power Sweeper	1,000.00
" " " Gravel Screening Pl	1,000.00
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	\$ 5,000.00

EXHIBIT E

Statement of Condition — Library Trust Funds

Principal Trust Funds:

Deposited in Savings Bank	\$ 5,967.66
Invested U.S. Government Bonds	10,525.00
Invested in Stock	2,600.00
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	\$19,092.66

Accrued Interest:

On Bank Deposits	\$ 142.91
On Stock & Bonds	113.12
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	256.03

Total Funds & Accrued Interest \$19,348.69

SCHEDULE E-1
Library Trust Funds

Interest: Received and Expended During Year	\$ 856.77
On Hand and Unexpended 2-15-50	\$ 256.03

SCHEDULE E-2

Inventory of Library Trust Funds

Inventory taken on 4-26-50 at City Savings Bank by City Auditor and Treasurer of Library, Mrs. Emery.

1. Ashman Fund:
 - a. City Savings Bank Book No. 18684. Principal \$525.00. Interest, none.
2. Avery Fund:
 - a. City Savings Bank Book No. 8933. Principal \$1,156.18. Interest \$100. Total \$1,256.18.
 - b. Stock — Illinois Central, 1 share @ \$100 par.
3. Busiel Fund — Julia S.:
 - a. 5 shares Union Electric Co. of Missouri par \$500.
4. Busiel Fund — Helen S.:
 - a. City Savings Bank Book No. 18612. Principal, \$342.68. Interest, none.
 - b. Coupon Bonds U. S. Treas.:

1. No. 97637 H 2½%	500.	2. No. 234547 H 2½%	\$1,000.
3. No. 234548 J 2½%	\$1,000.	4. No. 234546 F 2½%	\$1,000.
5. Esty Fund:
 - a. City Savings Bank Book No. 7926. Principal \$77.11. Interest, none.
 - b. Coupon Bond \$1,000, No. 29818 J.
6. Gilford Avenue School:
 - a. Series F. U. S. Savings Bond \$25. No. C874430 F.
7. Jewell Fund:
 - a. Laconia Savings Bank Book No. 20557. Principal \$2,096.28. Interest, none.
 - b. War Bonds Series G
 1. M4-268-123 \$1,000.
 3. M1-589-659 \$1,000.
 2. M1-689-658 \$1,000.
 4. M1-589-660 \$1,000.
 - c. Coupon Bonds U. S. Treas.:
 1. No. 167-119 K \$1,000.
 2. No. 174-458 J \$1,000.
 - d. Stock-Southern Cal. Edison \$1,000 3% M-23769.
 - e. Stock-Southern Cal. Edison \$1,000 3% M-23770.
8. Ladd Fund:
 - a. City Savings Bank Book No. 17514. Principal \$500. Interest, none.
9. Ella A. Morrison Estate:
 - a. Laconia Savings Bank Book No. 50017. Principal, \$270.41. Interest, \$42.91.
10. John Parker Smith Fund:
 - a. City Savings Bank Book No. 13778. Principal, \$1,000. Interest, none.

LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY Condensed Treasurer's Report

Receipts:

Cash on hand, Feb. 16, 1949	\$ 37.95
Money on Deferred Bills	252.50
City of Laconia	19,892.05
Gale Estate	2,049.39

Interest	856.77
Fines, Rentals, etc.	1,390.14
Total Available	\$24,478.89
Payments:	
Total disbursements (detail in library report)	\$23,325.08
Deposits returned	173.00
Money returned to City as Surplus	980.72
	\$24,478.80

Treasurer's Report
Gale Park

Receipts:	
Cash on hand, Feb. 16, 1949.....	\$ 200.00
Received from City of Laconia	1,705.00
Received from Gale Estate	683.13
Total Available	\$ 2,588.13
Payments:	
Total Expended (see detail in library report)	\$ 2,393.41
Returned to City as Surplus	494.72
	\$2,588.13

Auditor's Comments — PROPERTY AND POLL TAX REVENUES

1. The 1949 current tax levy uncollected on 2-15-50 in amount of \$97,732.15 compared to the current levy of 1948 on 2-15-50 of \$83,775.29 shows an increase in uncollected of \$13,956.86. However, it is to be noted that approximately \$65,000 additional taxes were committed to the Tax Collector for collection. The Collector has done a good job of collecting—proportionately—with an increase of \$65,000 in revenue to collect, the receipts have exceeded those of last year.

2. Unredeemed taxes (those sold for liens on unpaid taxes) are still showing an increase each year, meaning that some taxes are slow in being paid. It is the opinion of the auditor that tax deeds should be turned over to the city at the required time and any proceedings in process should be accomplished after the tax has been removed from the collector's receivables.

3. The present practice of providing ample overlay for abatements in the budget should be continued to insure that worthless taxes are not allowed to accumulate on the collector's books, preventing an inflated surplus.

4. Running audits have been made during the year in the collector's office; cash has been counted and bank balances reconciled and verified. *Letters requesting verification of unpaid taxes were sent out on the 2-15-50 audit to approximately 60% of the unpaid tax accounts. During the fiscal year verification letters are sent out on spot basis.

5. The commitment of the current tax levy was audited and proved to the collector's records by auditors of the State of New Hampshire.

ORDINANCES

and

RESOLUTIONS

Passed during the Year Ending

February 15, 1950

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ORDINANCES

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ending February 15, 1950*

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO
THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN CITY
OFFICIALS.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Amend section 1 of Chapter 18 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the words "one thousand" and substituting therefor the words "one thousand two hundred", so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The city treasurer shall receive in full for his services the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars per annum, payable in equal quarterly payments."

SECTION 2. Amend section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Compiled Ordinances of 1941 as amended by striking out the words "twenty-two hundred" and "monthly" and substituting therefor the words "twenty-seven hundred" and "weekly" so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 6. The collector of taxes shall receive in full for his services in the collection of taxes each year the sum of twenty-seven hundred, which shall be paid in equal weekly payments.

SECTION 7. The salary of the City Treasurer shall take effect as of February 15, 1949 and the salary of the Tax Collector shall take effect as of August 1, 1949.

Passed and approved July 25, 1949.
Thomas J. McIntyre
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE
CITY OF LACONIA.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Amend Section 1 of Chapter 22 of the Compiled Ordinances as amended on April 28, 1947 by striking out the same and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The fire department shall consist of a chief engineer, one senior captain designated by the city council, three (3) assistant engineers, and as many engine men, hose men, hook and ladder men and drivers as the number of engines and the number and quantity of other fire apparatus belonging to the city shall from time to time require. No member of the regular police force shall be an engineer or member of the fire department. "Member" as used herein shall include engine men, hose men, hook and ladder men, drivers and all other persons, except engineers, engaged in the usual work of the fire department.

SECTION II. Amend Section 2 of Chapter 22 of the Compiled Ordinances by striking out the same and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 2. Said chief engineer, senior captain and three (3) assistant engineers shall constitute the board of engineers and shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of fire wards. Said chief engineer shall act as the chairman of the board and in his absence the senior captain shall act in his stead. Said board is empowered to perform such acts, to conduct such investigations, to issue and amend orders, and to make and amend such rules, regulations as in its judgment will be for the best interest of the fire department; said orders, rules and regulations shall be duly promulgated by causing same to be posted at each fire station at least 48 hours previous to the time the same becomes effective.

SECTION III. Amend Section 5 of Chapter 22 of the Compiled Ordinances as amended on April 28, 1947 by striking out the same and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 5. The chief engineer of the fire department shall receive in full for his services the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$3,100.00) per annum, payable weekly. The salary of the senior captain and the first, second and third assistant engineers shall be Two Hun-

dred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$275.00) each, per annum, payable quarterly, which salary will be in addition to that to which the members are entitled.

SECTION IV. Amend Section 6 of Chapter 22 of the Compiled Ordinances by striking out the same and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 6. In all cases the chief engineer, the senior captain and the first, second and third assistant engineers shall have control and command over all apparatus and members of the department. They shall keep or cause to be kept in order, all the apparatus provided by the City for the extinguishment of fires, and shall cause all sources of water prepared by the fire department to be fully supplied and kept in order. The chief engineer shall not allow any apparatus out of the City except in his discretion for the purposes of assisting some other City or Town in a serious fire or for the purpose of making repairs of their own.

SECTION V. Amend Section 8 of Chapter 22 of the Compiled Ordinances by adding after the word "detail" the following: 'They shall report quarterly to the City Council Committee of the Fire Department', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 8. The board of engineers shall keep an accurate record of their proceedings and an accurate account showing in detail all moneys received by them, from whom and when received, and all moneys paid out by them, to whom and for what purpose, and on or before the fifteenth day of February in each year they shall make a report to the city council showing in detail their receipts and expenditures and settle their account with the city. Their report shall be printed in the annual city report in detail. They shall report quarterly to the City Council Committee of the Fire Department. They shall also, on or before the fifteenth day of February in each year, make to the city council an estimate of the money necessary to be raised or appropriated for all purposes relating to the fire department for the year ensuing, stating in detail the purpose for which the money is desired to be used.

All bills and indebtedness made or contracted shall be paid from the city treasury upon the order of said board, but nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to give said board any power or authority to contract indebtedness against the city in any year in excess of the amount raised or appropriated by the city for that year for purposes of expenditure within the province of said board.

SECTION VI. Amend Section 17 of Chapter 22 of the Compiled Ordinances by striking out the same in its entirety.

SECTION VII. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage.

Passed and approved August 10, 1949.

Thomas J. McIntyre
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE
AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE
ZONING ORDINANCE.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

1. Amend article II by adding the following after section 7

8—Offstreet Loading

On the same premises of 10,000 square feet or more of land area there shall be provided and maintained adequate space for standing, loading, and unloading services in order to avoid undue interference with the public use of the streets or other public ways for every building, structure, or part thereof occupied hereafter for manufacturing, storage, warehouse goods, display, department store, wholesale store, market, hotel, laundry, dry cleaning, or other uses similarly involving the receipt or distribution by vehicles of materials or merchandise.

2. Amend Article III—Agricultural zone regulations, A. Permitted Uses, 11, by adding the following:

11. D-1 Provided that where additions or enlargements are made to existing Hotels, Inns, Tourist Homes, Overnight Cabins, Organized Camps, and other similar uses such additions or enlargements may be located to conform to the existing development, pro-

vided that such additions and enlargements do not come within 10 feet of a side lot line or within 25 feet of the front lot line.

D-2 No separate building shall be located within 15 feet of any other separate building.

3. Amend Article III, B. Conditional Uses by adding the following:

7. Automobile wrecking yards, provided such yards are not located within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of a state or federal highway.

4. Amend Article IV—One Family Zone regulations, A. Permitted Uses by adding the following:

9. The keeping of livestock as an incidental use of a lot of 1 acre or more, provided that barns or sheds for keeping such livestock shall not be located within 50 feet of the street or within 25 feet of any side or rear lot line nor shall manure be stored within 50 feet of any lot line, provided

a. There shall be at least 20'0" square feet of land area for each cow, horse, sheep or goat.

b. There shall be 400 square feet of land area for each hen, and

c. The keeping of swine shall not be permitted.

5. Amend Article IV, C. by adding the following:

6. Setbacks, Corner Lot—The side setback on the street of a corner lot shall be not less than 12 feet. No building on a corner lot shall be located within 8 feet of the side setback of an adjoining lot, nor within 12 feet of any street line.

6. Amend Article V—General Residence Zone Regulations, B. Conditional uses by adding

(aa) Convalescent homes
(bb) Funeral establishments

7. Amend Article VII—Limited Commercial Zone Regulations, A. Permitted Uses by striking out in its entirety

3. Signs—etc.
and adding

3. Signs—are permitted provided they shall pertain only to a use

conducted on the premises and in no case shall a sign project above the roof line.

8. Amend Article IX, Section A. of the Zoning Ordinance by adding

4. Rag and paper baling and storage of scrap metal, old or second-hand bottles, cotton and woolen mill waste, or second hand articles excepting furniture and books, providing that such baling and storage is maintained in an enclosed structure.

9. Amend the zoning map, which is a part of the zoning ordinance as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the Heavy Commercial and Limited Commercial zones at the centerline of the Boston and Maine Railroad right-of-way 150 feet southerly of Endicott Street; at the Weirs; thence running southerly along the boundary line between the Heavy Commercial and agricultural zones along said right-of-way for a distance of 1500 feet, then turning at right angles and running westerly for a distance of 700 feet; thence turning northerly and running to a point made by the extension of the centerline of Veterans Avenue to the boundary line between the Agricultural and Limited Commercial zones 150 feet southerly from Endicott Street; thence turning and running easterly on said zone boundary line to the point of beginning. The above described area is to be changed from an Agricultural to a Heavy Commercial zone.

10. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved August 29, 1949.

Thomas J. McIntyre
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO
THE USE OF BICYCLES WITHIN
THE CITY OF LACONIA PROVIDING
FOR LICENSING BICYCLES AND FIX-
ING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION
OF THIS ORDINANCE.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

License Required

SECTION 1. No person who resides within this city shall ride or propel a bicycle on any street or on any public way unless such bicycle has been licensed and a license plate is attached thereto as provided herein.

License Application

SECTION 2. Application for a bicycle license plate shall be made to the Chief of Police upon a form provided by the city and an annual license fee of twenty-five cents (\$.25) shall be paid to the city before each license or renewal thereof is granted or for each fraction of a year for which said license is issued.

(a) The Chief of Police upon receiving proper application therefore is authorized to issue a bicycle license plate and registration card which shall be effective until the next succeeding first day of October of each year.

(b) The Chief of Police shall keep a record of the number of each license, the date issued, the name and address of the person to whom issued, and the number on the frame of the bicycle for which issued, and a record of all bicycle license fees collected by him, and said fees shall be returned to the City Clerk.

(c) A bicycle license plate shall bear the number of the license registration assigned to the bicycle, the name of the city and the expiration date thereof.

(d) Said license plate shall be firmly attached to the rear mud guard or frame of the bicycle for which issued in such position as to be plainly visible from the rear and shall not be removed from a bicycle during the period for which issued except upon a transfer of ownership or in the event a bicycle is dismantled and no longer operated upon any street in this city.

(e) A rental agency shall not rent or offer any bicycle for rent unless the bicycle is licensed and a license plate attached thereto as provided herein.

(f) Upon the sale or other transfer of a licensed bicycle the licensee shall remove the license plate and shall either surrender the same to the Chief of Police within three (3)

days of such transfer or sale or may upon proper application but without payment of additional fee have said plate assigned to another bicycle owned by the applicant.

(g) Should a licensed bicycle have its registration plate taken or mutilated and therefore become unreadable, the owner shall report the same immediately to the Police Department who then shall issue to the owner a new license plate at the cost of twenty-five cents (\$.25).

(h) In the case of a serial number on a bicycle being obliterated the Police Department may impress an identification of its own on the frame.

Second Hand Bicycle Dealers

SECTION 3. Every person engaged in buying or selling second hand bicycles shall make a report to the Chief of Police of every bicycle purchased by such dealer giving the name and address of the person from whom purchased, a description of such bicycle by name or make and the frame number thereof and any infraction of said regulation shall be liable to penalty at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

Lamps and Other Equipment on Bicycles

SECTION 4. (a) It is unlawful to operate a bicycle during the period from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise unless said bicycle is equipped with and displays a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred (500) feet to the front and a red reflector or lamp on the rear of a type which shall be visible from all distances up to three hundred (300) feet to the rear.

(b) It is unlawful to use or equip a bicycle with a siren.

(c) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make a braked wheel skid on dry level clean pavement.

Riding on Bicycles

SECTION 5. (a) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

(b) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right-hand side of the

roadway as is practicable except when passing, and shall exercise due care passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction, and shall pass vehicles only to the left in traffic.

(c) Persons riding bicycles upon the roadway shall not ride more than two abreast and shall remain at a safe braking distance behind any proceeding vehicle.

(d) No person riding upon any bicycle shall hook onto, hang onto or be towed or in any way propelled by any other vehicle upon a roadway.

(e) When riding upon the streets bicyclists shall at all times keep at least one hand on the handle bars of such bicycle.

(f) In the business district bicycles shall be parked in the regular parking spaces which shall be provided for said purpose and set apart for the purposes of bicycle parking by order of the Police Department.

(g) No person shall ride a bicycle upon any of the sidewalks of the city at any time excepting junior sidewalk bicycles which wheel diameter does not exceed sixteen (16) inches.

(h) No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing or in any such manner or way as might endanger the person or property of others.

(i) Any person not a resident of Laconia but operating a bicycle on the streets of said city shall be subject to all bicycle traffic regulations and rules.

*Traffic Laws Apply to Persons
Riding Bicycles*

SECTION 6. (a) Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be subject to all of the duties and regulations applicable to the driver of a vehicle as prescribed by the ordinance of the City of Laconia and the traffic laws of the State of New Hampshire except as to such regulations in this ordinance and except as to those provisions of laws and ordinances which by their nature can have no application.

(b) No bicycle shall be propelled within a public park of this city except at such times and under such conditions as designated by the Park Commission.

Penalties

SECTION 7. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than five (\$5.00) dollars for each offense, or shall allow his or her bicycle to be impounded by the police department for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days or both.

Requirements to Obtain License

SECTION 8. Upon making application and paying the necessary fees the owner of a bicycle shall be given a copy of these regulations governing the operation of bicycles within the City of Laconia and shall be able to satisfy the Chief of Police that he has familiarized himself with the regulations contained herein and shall then be issued a registration card and license plate by the Chief of Police or his authorized representative.

Takes Effect

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall take effect November 1, 1949 with license renewal to be made each succeeding year prior to October 1st.

Passed and approved Sept. 26, 1949.

Thomas J. McIntyre
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
THE USE OF MILL STREET BRIDGE.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

Amend the Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance limiting the use of Mill street bridge" passed December 28, 1942, by striking out Sections 1 and 2, and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. No traffic except for foot traffic is permitted upon or over the bridge located on Mill Street.

SECTION 2. The City Engineer shall cause a sign to be placed and maintained at each end of said bridge at its terminus, which shall read as follows:

*Vehicles Excluded
Foot Traffic Only
Fine for Each Offense \$20.*

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved September 26,
1949.

Thomas J. McIntyre
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

*Be it ordained by the City Council of
the City of Laconia, as follows:*

1. Amend Article II, Section 7 by adding the following paragraph:

Where the boundary line of a zone divides a lot having a frontage on a street in a less restricted zone, or a lot is more than 80% in a less restricted zone, and is a lot of record at the time such zone is established, the provisions of this ordinance covering the less restricted portion of such lot may at the option of the owner extend to the entire lot, but in no case for a distance of more than 75 feet into the more restricted zone.

2. Amend Article II by adding the following:

SECTION 9—Special setback areas.

Front setbacks shall be determined from a line 50 feet from the centerline of the street instead of from the front lot line, as prescribed in Articles III through IX, for the purpose of providing sufficient area for the eventual widening and reconstruction of the following streets:

- a. Union Avenue from Main Street to Perkins Road
- b. Court Street from Main Street to the City Line
- c. Provided further that on those sections of the above-named streets where there is no setback requirement, no structure shall be erected within 50 feet of the center line of the street.
3. Amend the Article III, Agricultural Zone Regulations; B. Conditional uses by adding the following:
7. Drive-in and other theaters
4. Amend Article VIII, A. Permitted Uses by striking out 5 and inserting the following:
5. Automobile service stations, fill-

ing stations, or storage or repair garages provided

a. That any petroleum or other inflammable products stored above-ground shall be contained in drums or containers of not more than 110 gallons, except that fuel oils to be consumed on the premises may be stored in 275 gallon tanks,

b. A filling station shall have a frontage of at least 75 feet

c. The front of gasoline pump islands and other motor vehicle service equipment shall be located at least 12 feet from the street, and

d. There shall be lanes of ingress and egress clearly defined by curbing and separating the filling station from the sidewalk as approved by the building inspector.

5. Amend the zoning map by changing the section described as follows from a Heavy Commercial zone to a Limited Commercial zone:

Beginning at the boundary line between the Heavy Commercial zone and the Industrial zone at the centerline of Union Avenue opposite Perkins Road, thence southerly along the centerline of Union Avenue to a point one hundred feet northerly from Stark Street, thence westerly at right angles to Paugus Bay, thence along the shoreline of Paugus Bay to the boundary line of the Industrial zone, thence easterly along said boundary line to the point of beginning.

6. Amend the zoning map by changing the section described as follows from a General Residence Zone to a Heavy Commercial Zone:

Beginning at the point of the boundary line between the Heavy Commercial and General Residence Zones 100 feet southerly from Pine Street and easterly from Main Street thence running southerly to the center line of Joliet Street, thence turning at right angles and running westerly to the center line of Province Road, thence running along the centerline of Province Road to the centerline of Main Street, thence running northerly along the centerline of Main Street to the present boundary line between the Heavy Commercial and General Residence Zones.

7. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved November 28, 1949.

Robert A. Hough
ACTING MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend the zoning map of the City of Laconia, Map No. 1—Settled areas as follows:

Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the heavy commercial and general residence zones 100 feet northerly from the northerly side of Gilford Avenue; thence running easterly parallel to Gilford Avenue to a point made by the center line of Highland Street extended; thence running southerly along the center line of Highland Street to a point 100 feet southerly from the southerly side of Gilford Avenue; thence running westerly on a line parallel to Gilford Avenue to the center line of Union Avenue; thence along the center line of Union Avenue to the center line of Gilford Avenue; thence easterly along Gilford Avenue to the boundary line between the heavy commercial zone and the general residence zone; thence northerly along said boundary line to the point of beginning.

The above described section to be changed from a general residence and one-family zones to an apartment house zone.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved November 28, 1949.

Robert A. Hough
ACTING MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. Amend Chapter 42 of the Compiled Ordinances, Article V, Section 1 by adding thereto the following:

(i) Howard Street: Motor vehicles shall move in an easterly and southerly direction only along Howard Street.

2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved November 28, 1949.

Robert A. Hough
ACTING MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

Amend Chapter 42 of the compiled Ordinances by adding to Article III, Section 10, the following:

(aa) The westerly side of Strafford Street from Union Avenue to No. 24 Strafford Street.

(ab) The easterly side of Dewey Street.

Passed and approved December 27, 1949.

Thomas J. McIntyre
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend chapter 42 of the compiled Ordinances by striking out the following:

Article III Section VIII paragraph (t) and

Article III Section X paragraphs (w) and (aa) and adding the following:

Article III Section VIII paragraph

(t) The Northerly side of Strafford Street for a distance of 210 feet from the intersection of the northerly side of Strafford Street and the westerly

side of Union Avenue, thence turning at right angles and running to the southerly side of Strafford Street thence running westerly to the present end terminus of Strafford Street.

Article III Section X paragraph (w) The southerly side of Strafford Street for a distance of approximately 210 feet from the intersection of the southerly side of Strafford Street and the westerly side of Union Avenue, thence turning at right angles and running to the northerly side of Strafford Street thence running westerly to the present end terminus of Strafford Street.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved January 30, 1950.

Thomas J. McIntyre
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE
AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO
TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS.

*Be it ordained by the City Council
of the City of Laconia, as follows:*

Amend Chapter 42, Article III, Section X of the Compiled Ordinances as amended by adding thereto the following: "and the westerly side of River Street from Church to Jewett Street."

So that the paragraph as amended shall read:

(z) River Street from Arch Street to Jewett Street and the westerly side of River Street from Church to Jewett Street.

This ordinance to take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved this 25th day of April, 1949.

Thomas J. McIntyre
MAYOR

RESOLUTIONS

*passed during the year
ending February 15, 1950*

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY LOANS TO AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES OF THE PRESENT MUNICIPAL YEAR.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That for the purpose of meeting current expenses of the City, the City Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to make temporary loans from time to time for the use of said City of sums not exceeding the aggregate amount of \$300,000.00, said loans being in the anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year and hereby expressly made payable therefrom, and to give for such loan subject to the written approval of the Committee on Finance, notes of the City, each note to become due and payable within one year from its date. Said notes shall be signed by the Mayor and City Treasurer and countersigned by the City Clerk, shall be registered in the books kept for that purpose in the offices of the City Treasurer and City Clerk respectively.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved March 28, 1949.

Thomas J. McIntyre
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE

A RESOLUTION UPON THE DEATH OF AMOS J. DINSMOOR.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

WHEREAS in the passing of our esteemed friend and honorable townsmen Amos J. Dinsmoor, the people of the City of Laconia have lost a man whose loyalty and efficiency was re-

solved to the service of the public, and

WHEREAS he was loved for his sincerity and honesty to his fellowmen and devoted to his work as Tax Collector, and

WHEREAS Jim, as he was better known among his countless friends, held the position of Postmaster of our fair city for a number of years prior to his appointment as Tax Collector, and was an active and enthusiastic member of his church and community and respected by all who placed their trust in him, and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council have learned with profound regret of his death and wish to extend their heartfelt sympathy to his family.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council in regular meeting assembled do hereby extend our sincere sympathy on the passing of Amos J. Dinsmoor, and tender our earnest expression of gratefulness for his honest and untiring efforts in behalf of the City: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Epitaph be engrossed on the permanent records of the City; and that a copy of this Epitaph be sent to the family of the late Amos J. Dinsmoor.

Passed and approved this 31st day of May, 1949.

Thomas J. McIntyre
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE

A RESOLUTION MAKING ITEMIZED APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1950.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That the following itemized appropriations be made for the year ending February 15, 1950, which appropriations shall be in full for all expenditures in each department named.

AGED DEPENDENTS \$43,000.00 ASSESSORS

Car Expense	\$100.00
Clerical Assistance	700.00
Equipment	70.00
Register of Deeds	175.00
Salaries	5,890.00
Supplies & Printing	450.00

Telephone	95.00	HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Travel	50.00	Equipment & Supplies 50.00
	7,530.00	Mileage 600.00
CITY OFFICERS' EXPENSE		Milk & Cream 125.00
Burying Dead		Miscellaneous 50.00
Animals	575.00	Printing & Postage 50.00
City Directories	200.00	Salaries 8,610.00
City Report	2,000.00	Telephone & Gas 150.00
Flowers	100.00	
Insurance	550.00	
Supplies & Equipment	4,000.00	
Taxes—Gilford		
Sandbank	30.00	
Telephone	350.00	
Travel	100.00	
	7,905.00	
CITY PLANNING BOARD		INTEREST 9,500.00
Equipment	33.00	HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES
Printing & Copy	250.00	General Maintenance 157,868.00
Salary—Clerical	600.00	State Aid Roads (T.R.A.) 1,024.99
Salary—Director	3,640.00	Capital Improvements 8,665.00
Supplies	150.00	
Telephone, Postage & Contingencies	200.00	
Travel	240.00	
	5,113.00	
ELECTIONS		MAINTENANCE CITY HALL
Labor & Materials	4.75	Equipment 210.00
Light & Power	12.00	Fuel 1,500.00
Meals—Ward Officers'	161.11	Insurance 170.00
Printing	161.29	Labor & Materials 1,000.00
Rent	64.80	Lakeport Clock 100.00
Salaries—Ward Officers'	924.00	Light & Power 550.00
Supplies	22.05	Salary—Janitor 2,095.60
	1,350.00	Supplies 250.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Auto Expense	1,100.00	
Fire Alarm Exp.	600.00	
Forest Fires	100.00	
Fuel	1,700.00	
Gas, Water, Light & Power	650.00	
Insurance	428.20	
Inspection—Fire	100.00	
Labor & Materials	2,000.00	
Laundry, Telephone & Postage	690.00	
Lunches, Travel & Conventions	75.00	
Radio Upkeep	150.00	
Salaries	41,407.42	
State of N. H.		
Retirement	800.00	
Supplies	500.00	
Capital Outlays—Equipment	7,128.50	
	57,429.12	
		MOTH & FORESTRY 1,200.00
		PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS
		Athletic Flood-lights 1,428.83
		Band Concerts 540.00
		Fuel 1,400.00
		Insurance 247.00
		Labor 2,000.00
		Lights & Water 450.00
		Materials for Re-pairs, Supplies 1,500.00
		Moving Bleachers 450.00
		Moving Hockey Fence 125.00
		Opechee—Grading 300.00
		Opechee—Moving Building 60.00
		Salaries—Park Attendants 2,090.00
		Skating Rinks 1,700.00
		Supervision 700.00
		Tardif—Setting Equipment 250.00
		Capital Outlays 6,755.00
		19,995.83
		POLICE DEPARTMENT
		Auto Expense 1,800.00
		City Lockup Supplies 25.00

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL NOTES.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

1. That serial notes of the City of Laconia, New Hampshire, are hereby authorized to be issued, to be signed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer and to be countersigned by the City Clerk for a sum not exceeding eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) for the payment of a certain debt of said City of Laconia, to wit: Twenty-five thousand seven hundred sixty dollars (\$25,760.00) incurred through the purchase of one Maxim Model 141-LA 65-ft. aerial ladder truck, serial number 1699 and One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for additional equipment. The sum of Four thousand five dollars and three cents (\$4,005.03) is authorized to be transferred from the unallocated funds of the Public Improvement Bonds of 1948 and the balance from the current budget of the Laconia Fire Department. Said notes shall be in such form and bear such rate of interest, not exceeding two and one-half per cent, as the Finance Committee and the City Treasurer shall determine, and shall mature at the rate of one-fifth of the amount thereof each year until paid,

beginning one year from the date of the notes. The finance committee is hereby authorized and empowered to accept bids for the purchase of said notes and to take action thereon.

2. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed and approved October 13, 1949.

Thomas J. McIntyre
MAYOR

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT TO FUNCTION UNTIL THEIR BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ARE APPROVED.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows:

That all departments of the Laconia City Government be and they are hereby authorized to carry on their usual functions until the budget of each department for the fiscal year is passed on and approved by the City Council.

This Resolution to take effect February 16, 1950.

Passed and approved February 15, 1950.

Thomas J. McIntyre
MAYOR

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